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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you Mr. President,

I would also like to welcome you to the Security Council. I would also like to welcome the presence of the Minister of Iran.

It is very important for the Security Council to be able to discuss and assess, now and in the future, all initiatives regarding the Iranian nuclear program and the JCPOA, under Resolution 2231. I think we can all agree on that.

I wish to make the following points and expand on the reasons Greece voted the way it did:

First, I wish to once again reiterate Greece's concern on the scope and nature of Iran's nuclear programme. Non-Proliferation is among the basic pillars of international security. It is of paramount importance. Its preservation and continued universality is in the interests of all states.

Granting an unconditional extension now would only postpone the problem and shift the focus away from the difficult but necessary negotiations that are long overdue. We need meaningful negotiations and a peaceful solution. The time for that is now.

Second, and consequently, allow me to stress in the strongest possible terms that diplomacy must continue irrespectively of the present state of negotiations. We do realize that at this hour, this may sound difficult, if not impossible. However, it is necessary.

Third, we are still in the High Level Week. All the interested parties are still in the same building. We strongly urge all sides to begin talks. Again. And -if needs be- again after that.

Fourth and final point, even if an agreement is not reached immediately, we call upon all the primarily concerned parties to keep talking. A viable and sustainable solution for the Iranian nuclear issue can only come through diplomacy and dialogue.

We believe that a peaceful solution through meaningful negotiations is still within reach.

An agreement will be good for all. The stakes are too high otherwise.

I thank you.