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Thank you Mr. President and I thank the Republic of Korea for convening this emergency meeting.

At the outset, I would like to thank USG Di Carlo for her insightful briefing and I welcome the participation of the Secretary of State of Poland.

Mr. President,

The latest and most serious violation of the airspace of Poland, an EU and NATO member, constitutes a reckless act and is part of a serious escalation, which threatens the security of citizens, regional stability and international peace. It shows that Russia is shifting away from the path to peace, choosing instead the road to provocation.

In view of this latest development, allow me to make a few points:

First,

Greece strongly condemns the incursion of the Polish airspace by at least 19 Russian drones and expresses its relief that no human lives were lost.

We stand in full solidarity with the Government and the people of Poland and we hope that such incidents shall not be repeated.

We emphatically condemn any violation of internationally recognized borders, be it land, air or sea border, as an act that is blatantly against international law and the UN Charter.

We also call on Russia to cease these unlawful acts immediately and respect its obligations under international law.

Second,

This new escalation is a direct result of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. At a time when decisive peace efforts by the United States and President Trump offer us a glimmer of hope, Russia intensifies its attacks against Ukraine.

Lastly,

Aggression breeds more aggression. War will lead to more war.

The spillover effect of violence, which has now affected Poland, has the potential to spiral out of control and needs to stop immediately.

I reiterate my country's firm conviction that an immediate ceasefire is needed, as a necessary first step towards a permanent, comprehensive, just and lasting peace settlement, based on the principles of sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of states.

Mr. President, Colleagues,

Russia's war on Ukraine is not only a European problem, despite the latest deplorable incursion into Polish airspace. It can seriously undermine global stability and security, drawing in actors from other regions. Any future peace agreement should therefore be founded on credible and robust security guarantees, which will effectively deter any recurrence of armed aggression.

I thank you.