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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you, Madame President.

I wish to thank SRSG Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, the Permanent Observer of the African Union Ambassador Idris, ASG for Africa Martha Pobee for their comprehensive briefings. Their remarks underscore the importance of strengthening the strategic partnership between the UN and the AU.

While the cooperation between the two Organizations has grown steadily through regular exchanges and joint initiatives, the scale and complexity of Africa's challenges demand that we go further. In a few days we will have the opportunity in Addis Ababa to tackle both horizontal issues of cooperation like terrorism and Peace Operations as well as those pertaining to geographical areas like the Sahel and the Horn of Africa.

In this regard, Madame President, I would like to make three points:

First, Greece appreciates the vital role of the A3+ in bringing Africa's concerns to the Council. In the same spirit, we will always welcome strong African participation in the Council and in other multilateral fora.

We also align with the Secretary General's view that robust partnerships between the UN and regional organizations are the bedrock of effective multilateralism. In this spirit, Greece supported the recent GA Resolution 79/329, which constitutes a renewed endorsement of the UN-AU partnership. Likewise, we greatly value the continuous dialogue of the UN, the AU & the EU on issues of common interest, as highlighted in the joint communiqué of the recent 6<sup>th</sup> trilateral meeting.

Second, on security and conflict prevention. The Council is well aware of the protracted conflicts currently raging from the Sudan to the eastern DRC, while terrorism is rapidly

rising across the Horn of Africa and the Sahel. Maritime security is also another important aspect to be borne in mind in the context of a holistic approach to security.

These complex conflicts and crises require integrated responses that combine immediate security measures with sustained investments in peacebuilding, socio-economic development and resilient institutions. Africa's abundant resources and human capital provide the foundation for sustainable growth across the continent. The upcoming annual meeting of the AUPSC & the UN-PBC in November will provide the opportunity to advance these shared priorities.

Further, when addressing security, we must not overlook the adverse impact of climate change on peace, development and security in Africa. The AU-UN partnership must continue to seek innovative solutions that address environmental pressures, build resilience in vulnerable communities, and reduce the risk of relapse into conflict. To this effect, we have supported this item in the agenda of the upcoming Security Council meeting with the AU Peace and Security Council.

**Third**, we cannot discuss AU—UN cooperation without addressing UNSC Res. 2719; a historic step forward in expanding the international community's toolkit for peace and security in Africa.

While UN peacekeeping missions remain valuable for addressing conflicts, they are not a panacea for every crisis. In some cases, the AU, with its deeper knowledge and stronger stake in regional stability, can serve as a better first responder. Res. 2719 is much more than a predictable funding mechanism for AU missions; it offers a new framework for a stronger AU—UN partnership, one that supports African leadership and ownership.

Greece commends the joint efforts, so far, of both organizations to design a road map for implementing this tool in AUSSOM and regrets the recent lack of consensus in the UNSC in this regard. Resolution 2719 cannot remain an act of hope in the toolkit of the AU-UN partnership; efforts towards its operationalization must continue.

Mr. President,

We stand convinced that strengthening the AU's capacity in close cooperation with the United Nations is key to ensuring lasting peace and stability in Africa.

We look forward to the consultations between the UN Security Council and the AU Peace and Security Council later this month in Addis Ababa, as well as the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> UN-AU Annual Conference in New York.

I thank you.