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Thank you President.

I also thank Special Representative Rugwabiza for providing us with her important update, and I welcome the presence of the representative of the Central African Republic at this meeting.

I noted, in particular, the SRSG's focus on the need to safeguard the overall peacekeeping investment in the country and to remain committed to the cause of a durable and lasting peace settlement, as we approach the crucial electoral date of 28 December 2025.

Mr. President,

The decision of the Central African Republic to hold simultaneously presidential, legislative, and local elections — the first regional and municipal ones since 1988 — in exactly two months' time, is an ambitious endeavor. It is conditional upon the considerable improvement in the security situation, achieved in close cooperation with MINUSCA's meaningful contribution of more than a decade. We support all efforts undertaken by the state authorities to successfully prepare for this democratic milestone, which has the potential to create a solid foundation for social cohesion and national reconciliation.

We reiterate Greece's encouragement to all political parties to contribute to the creation of an inclusive political environment by raising electoral awareness and promoting dialogue, civic respect for electoral institutions, and media freedom.

On the logistical side, we echo concerns over the financial challenges that still persist and commend those UN Member States that have pledged support to fill current funding gaps and secure the successful conduct of the electoral process across the country.

At the same time, we continue to stand behind MINUSCA's two other main pillars under its five-year political strategy, promoted in close coordination with national authorities: creating renewed momentum in the peace process and intensifying the national disarmament programme.

Regarding the implementation of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation, we commend the successful return of the armed groups "UPC" and "3R" to the Agreement and acknowledge the mediation efforts of Chad in achieving these developments. This new impetus is being reinforced by ongoing disarmament, demobilization and reintegration operations, as well as by the implementation of confidence-building measures that consolidate these significant security gains — gains that must be safeguarded to prevent any regression into conflict, as we sadly witnessed in 2020.

The negative repercussions of the Sudanese conflict remain a worrying security factor, especially in the northern Vakaga Prefecture, with repeated incursions by armed elements, violations of the arms embargo, and an influx of refugees. We closely and positively monitor the recent engagement of the SRSB in the region – as referred in her statement - and MINUSCA's efforts to facilitate inter-communal dialogue with the participation of local leaders from both sides of the border.

Moreover, despite a decrease in reported cases during the last trimester, grave violations against children continue to be verified, mainly in the north, as well as in other regions.

Almost half of these cases concern the recruitment and use of children. We urge all parties listed in the Secretary-General's Report on CAAC to engage with the United Nations in order to end and prevent these grave violations. Accountability remains key and perpetrators of grave violations against children must be brought to justice.

President,

I would like to highlight, in closing, our profound wish that during our next periodic meeting on February, the Council will be in a position to applaud the realization of successful elections and of a robust renewal of MINUSCA's mandate.

Despite legitimate demands for improving the Mission's efficiency, troop levels and deployment of personnel on the ground must allow for a robust presence that does not call into question the hard-won gains of the previous years.

Both these outcomes will pave the way to fulfill the objectives of the Mission's mandate. And deliver on this Council's promises to the people of the Central African Republic while honoring and justifying the numerous sacrifices of the United Nations personnel who have fallen on the line of duty to the cause throughout the years.

I thank you.