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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you Mr. President,

I congratulate you on assuming the Presidency this month and I would like to thank the Korean delegation for a very successful Presidency.

Mr. President,

I would like to thank ASG and SRSG designate Miroslav Jenča for his briefing and wish him all the best in the new role he is about to assume.

Greece reiterates its unwavering support to him and to the UN Verification Mission in Colombia and appreciates the good offices it provides in facilitating the effective implementation of the Peace Agreement. Greece fully supports the peace process in Colombia, anchored in the 2016 Peace Agreement, and commends the progress achieved, primarily in rural reform and the reintegration of ex-combatants.

Indeed, land distribution can significantly contribute to the integration of ex-combatants, offering them livelihoods and alternatives to illegal economies. This interlinkage between rural reform and reintegration can have a considerable impact on reducing violence in rural areas. We urge the Colombian Government to continue working on the full implementation of the Final Agreement, focusing especially on providing security guarantees, enabling state presence in violence-affected regions, and empowering Afro-Colombian and indigenous populations.

I would like to make the following three points:

First, we welcome the issuance of the first, historic, restorative sentences against perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity during the armed conflict. The acknowledgement of responsibility on the part of the perpetrators and the reparations they will offer to victims and communities represent the crucial first step toward genuine

reconciliation and overcoming intergenerational trauma in Colombia. We urge the Government to take all necessary measures for the successful implementation of the restorative sentences and the indictees to sincerely fulfill their restorative activities.

Second, we condemn political violence and are deeply saddened by the death of Senator and presidential candidate Miguel Uribe Turbay. We express our condolences to his family and to the people of Colombia. We acknowledge the arrest and sentencing of the perpetrator who confessed to the crime and call for the continuation of the investigation to identify any accomplices and instigators. We call for a peaceful electoral period, prioritizing the safety and security of all candidates and facilitating the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women in the electoral process.

Third, we remain concerned about the persistent violence in conflict-affected areas, where armed groups are competing for territorial control and create illegal economies. We condemn all related attacks and encourage the Government to pursue peace dialogues only with actors that are genuinely committed to peace. At the same time, we commend the demining initiatives that took place during the reporting period, which will contribute considerably to the protection of civilians and rural populations.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, Greece reiterates its support to the peace process in Colombia, which seeks to address the root causes of the conflict and the historic injustices. On our part, we remain committed to a Colombian-led and Colombian-owned peace process that will rectify the inequalities of the past and provide justice to the victims and survivors of the conflict.

I thank you.