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Greece's Statement delivered

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Mr. President,

Greece welcomes today's unanimous adoption by the Council of Resolution 2795 (2025), which renews the authorization of the European Union Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Operation ALTHEA, for a period of 12 months. Since its establishment in 2004, EUFOR Althea has played an indispensable role in safeguarding security and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as in the entire region. We thank all Members of the Council for their support throughout the process.

The future of Bosnia and Herzegovina is intertwined with the European Union. The Thessaloniki Declaration of 2003 embodied a strong commitment to the European perspective of the Western Balkans, which still holds true today. It is based on advancing shared democratic values and principles for peace, reconciliation, good neighbourly relations, stability and prosperity in the region.

EUFOR Althea is a clear and tangible demonstration of this long-standing commitment by the EU towards Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region. It contributes to a safe and secure environment for the citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, providing assurance and deterrence, while assisting in creating the necessary conditions for building trust and unity, despite challenges. Greece is a consistent contributor to the Operation, since its launching. We will remain unequivocally committed to promoting peace and stability in our immediate neighborhood.

Mr. President,

Greece underscores her steadfast support to the Dayton Peace Agreement and its Institutions. This year's 30th Anniversary of the Dayton Peace Accords validates the significance of a historic agreement, which laid the foundations for stability and unity in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and consequently in Southeastern Europe. We welcome the present report of the Office of the High Representative, in line with its mandate.

We strongly reiterate that the sovereignty, territorial integrity, constitutional order and political independence of Bosnia and Herzegovina must be fully respected. We welcome

the recent positive developments in the country, which can pave the way towards de-escalation and a sincere dialogue between all political actors. Abandoning divisive rhetoric and secessionist incitement is crucial for building trust and inspiring reconciliation efforts. All political parties and relevant stakeholders must work together aiming at strengthening the institutional structure of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in a spirit of mutual understanding and with respect to the rule of law.

Greece is convinced that the European integration of the country will ensure the stability and prosperity of all its citizens. The European Council decision of March 2024 to open accession negotiations with Bosnia and Herzegovina marks a significant milestone along this path. Both entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina must remain fully committed to making progress in reforms and advancing the EU accession process, with emphasis on the remaining prerequisites for the submission of the country's Negotiating Framework. The appointment of the Chief Negotiator by the state authorities is also a crucial and necessary step towards the holding of the first Intergovernmental Conference between the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. President,

The country's unity and political stability, in full respect of its independence and international personality as a single, united and sovereign country, is undoubtable and a hard-won gain of the last thirty years. Greece will continue to support Bosnia and Herzegovina in its enduring commitment to democracy, rule of law, peace and stability for the benefit of its citizens and the entire region.

I thank you.