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Thank you, Mr. President.

At the outset, let me thank SRSG Tetteh for her detailed briefing and I also welcome the participation of the Permanent Representative of Libya to this meeting.

I wish to underscore the following three aspects today:

First, Greece stands fully behind efforts to progress along the political roadmap, which must be shielded from spoilers and foreign interference.

This Council, in its Press Statement of early September, rightly welcomed the latest briefing of Ms Tetteh. One which outlined the roadmap to advance a Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process.

We echo its call on all Libyan and international stakeholders to support it as well.

In this regard, Greece attaches particular importance to the unification of the Libyan institutions, the full implementation of the roadmap and the holding of presidential and parliamentary elections in accordance with the timeline provided for in the roadmap.

Libya must advance towards stability through this roadmap. We fully support the efforts of SRSG Tetteh and UNSMIL to build consensus among Libyan actors, form a unified government and prepare the ground for credible elections.

The unification of institutions is essential not only for the prosperity of the Libyan people, but also for safeguarding Libya's sovereignty, promoting border security, preventing the use of its territory for irregular migration and creating the conditions for the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

We believe that these steps are crucial to ensuring Libya's unity, stability and long-term democratic future.

The High National Election Committee also has a critical role to play in this regard. Its capacity to organize free, fair and credible elections must be strengthened accordingly.

As outlined in the UNSMIL's Strategic Assessment Report, the Mission's role is essential in overcoming the political stalemate in Libya.

We fully recognize that the road ahead is difficult.

We listen very carefully to SRSG Tetteh concerning the main challenges to the implementation of the roadmap, and how, in her view, the Security Council can best support efforts in this direction.

We also note the renewed focus on the Berlin Process. In its recent Press Statement, the Security Council rightly encouraged its continued evolution, particularly with regard to inclusivity. Neighbouring and regional countries that can contribute positively should not be excluded.

Second, the security landscape in Libya remains precarious.

We welcome the Presidential Council's efforts to maintain the ceasefire in Tripoli, with the crucial support of SRSG Tetteh and UNSMIL.

As outlined in the Strategic Assessment Report, security dynamics in Libya continue to erode its unity and integrity.

The need to uphold the ceasefire and prevent escalation is urgent, especially as the continued presence of foreign forces and mercenaries exacerbates volatility.

Their time-bound withdrawal remains essential to restoring Libya's sovereignty and long-term stability.

Third, the rule of international law and the economy in Libya are under acute strain.

Credible transitional justice concerning violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law needs to be implemented along the national reconciliation process.

Ensuring respect for human rights law, accountability and reforms of the criminal justice system, as well as the dismantling of trafficking networks, all constitute key priorities that must not be deferred.

The control of illegal migration flows is equally critical, highlighting the importance of Libya's stability. It constitutes an EU priority, particularly for member-states with maritime borders in the Mediterranean.

Improving economic conditions is also fundamental to Libya's long-term stability.

Progress is required on unifying the national budget, strengthening oversight mechanisms, and ensuring the transparent and equitable use of resources for the benefit of all Libyans.

Conscious of the importance of the sanctions regime currently in place, we look forward to working with Council members on the renewal of the mandate of Operation IRINI.

In conclusion, Mr. President,

As a neighbouring country with opposite coasts across the Mediterranean, Greece remains fully committed to Libya's sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity and stands ready to actively contribute to their safeguarding.

We thank the staff of UNSMIL for their continued dedicated efforts towards peace and prosperity in Libya.

I thank you.