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Yemen sanctions regime
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Greece's Explanation of Vote delivered
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Thank you, Madame President.

Greece welcomes the renewal of the mandate of the Yemen sanctions regime. We voted in favor of the Resolution just adopted, because we are convinced that it remains an important tool to deter threats to the peace, stability and security of Yemen and the broader area. We thank the penholder, the United Kingdom, for their leadership during the negotiations.

The agreement on today's adoption of a one year renewal of the mandate sends a clear signal that the Council continues to consider Resolution 2140 (2014) as a crucial tool in order to prevent the illicit traffic of advanced weaponry and training to the Houthis, consistent with Council's resolutions 2216(2025) and

2624(2022). We call on all member states to respect and fully implement the targeted arms embargo in this respect.

We remain concerned by the volatile security situation in and around Yemen. Today's renewal of the Yemen sanctions regime maintains pressure on the Houthis in order for them to eventually engage constructively in a peace process in Yemen.

To this end, Greece fully supports the efforts of Special Envoy Hans Grundberg to reinvigorate the political dialogue. An inclusive Yemeni-led and Yemeni-owned peace process under the UN auspices, with full respect of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of Yemen, is the only sustainable, viable way forward.

In conclusion, Greece remains deeply committed into upholding freedom of navigation and maritime security, including in the Red Sea region. And we call on the Houthis to refrain from attacks to international shipping and to release immediately all crew members they have detained during the previous attacks, as well as all UN and humanitarian personnel and diplomatic staff.

I thank you.