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Greece's Explanation of Vote delivered
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Thank you, Mr. President,

For the long-standing question of Western Sahara, there appears to be today renewed international efforts for its resolution.

In this context, the resolution just adopted can prove to be a significant turning point. In it, the Council importantly reaffirms its commitment to assist the parties to achieve a just, lasting and mutually acceptable political solution within the framework of International Law. One which is achieved upon negotiations, based on compromise and consistent with the principles and purposes of the UN Charter.

It expresses also its support to the Secretary-General and his Personal Envoy to advance the political process and implement its resolutions. And it notes the support of the Council to a mutually acceptable, negotiated solution to the dispute taking also into account the rights of the Sahrawi people, as reflected in the relevant resolutions.

Greece welcomes the role of the United States in undertaking a leadership role and for drafting this text. We also commend all sides for choosing diplomacy and engagement at the present stage and call for this spirit to be maintained during the political and negotiating process that will ensue, encompassing also other constructive proposals submitted by the sides. If it is to be viable, any outcome needs to be the product of genuine negotiations. For agreements are only as effective as their implementation.

We hope that this Resolution will generate a positive momentum towards achieving lasting peace in the region. MINURSO's stabilizing and peacekeeping role is critical in this context. We therefore welcome the extension of its mandate for 12 months.

I thank you.