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Greece's Statement delivered

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Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to start by thanking our briefers, to welcome H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as the representatives of Rwanda and Burundi to this meeting and to thank the Chair of the 1533 Committee for his update.

Mr. President,

Almost a year since the dramatic escalation of the conflict in eastern DRC, we meet at a moment of both fragile progress and persistent, acute risks. Important steps have been taken, yet many decisive actions still lie ahead.

I would like to stress the following points:

First, we repeat that Resolution 2773 must be implemented immediately, fully and unconditionally. We remain particularly alarmed by the deteriorating security situation in South Kivu, driven by the continuing advance of the AFC/M23 with the alleged support of the Rwandan Defense Forces and the risk of a spillover of the conflict, that could trigger a regional crisis. AFC/M23 must immediately cease hostilities and withdraw from Goma, Bukavu and all other controlled areas.

As the Council stressed in its recent Press Statement, all illegitimate parallel administrations must be dismantled, restoring state authority throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In this context, we reiterate Greece's steadfast support for the independence, sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of the DRC.

Second, we welcome all efforts towards a ceasefire and a sustainable peace, stability and reconciliation in eastern DRC and commend the US and Qatar for their critical mediation efforts. We congratulate President Tshisekedi and President Kagame for the

signing of the Washington Peace Accords for Peace and Prosperity on December 4th, as well as the issuing of the Joint Declaration on the Accords by the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda. We urge them to now accelerate the implementation of their commitments as provided by the Accords. These gains must not be undermined by a new escalation in South Kivu by the M23.

We also welcome the signing of the Doha Framework for Peace between the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and the AFC/M23 on November 15th and we urge them to materialize their commitment to a permanent ceasefire.

Third, we are deeply concerned about the grave humanitarian and security consequences of the conflict both in North and South Kivu and in Ituri, as we have heard by our briefers today. All parties must respect international humanitarian law and ensure unrestricted humanitarian access and facilitate humanitarian flights, as well. We are particularly concerned about the grave human rights violations and abuses committed against women and children, notably large-scale recruitment and use of children, abductions, killings and maiming, and shocking levels of sexual violence. All perpetrators of violations of international humanitarian law and of violations and abuses of human rights, must be held accountable and be brought to justice.

Finally, MONUSCO's freedom of movement must be unobstructed and its ability to operate must remain unrestricted. Resolution 2773 reiterates the Council's full support for MONUSCO, whose work remains critical in the DRC, in protecting civilians, responding to urgent humanitarian needs and supporting the implementation of the peace processes. We emphasize, once more, our strong commitment to the safety and security of MONUSCO's personnel.

Mr. President,

As the Council considers the upcoming renewal of MONUSCO's mandate, Greece stands ready to work closely with all members to ensure that the Mission can continue fulfilling its critical role at this pivotal juncture for the DRC.

I thank you.