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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you, Mr. President, for convening this meeting and I thank Under-Secretary-General DiCarlo for her briefing. I would also like to welcome the presence of the representatives of the EU, Germany and Iran in the meeting.

Mr. President, allow me to highlight the following points:

First, Greece once again reiterates its unwavering commitment to the global nuclear non-proliferation regime, with the IAEA and the NPT as its indispensable institutional cornerstones. Preserving and strengthening this regime is the only forward for the region and the world. We therefore urge all States to comply fully with their obligations under the NPT.

Second, we express serious concern regarding the findings of the IAEA Board of Governors' most recent Report of November 12th, as well as the Resolution adopted on November 20th. These make clear that the implementation of safeguards activities in Iran, in accordance with the NPT Safeguards Agreement, is indispensable and urgent and cannot be suspended under any circumstances. Echoing the IAEA, we urge Iran to extend full and prompt cooperation to the Agency, including by providing the necessary information and access.

Of equal concern is the steady increase of Iran's stockpile of Highly Enriched Uranium, as well as the fact that its whereabouts are currently unknown. As of early summer, Iran's total stockpile had exceeded 9.200 kgs in total, including more than 450 kgs of uranium enriched up to 60%. There is no credible civilian justification for such a quantity of uranium enriched to this level.

The international community must be reassured of the exclusively peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme. In this regard, we note with deep concern the IAEA's assessment that, unless and until Iran assists the Agency in resolving the outstanding issues, the Agency will not be in a position to provide such assurance.

Third, Greece continues to view a diplomatic solution based on the principles of the JCPOA as the best way to ensure that Iran can exercise its right to a nuclear programme while guaranteeing that this programme remains exclusively peaceful. It also remains the only viable pathway to sanctions relief, economic development and regional de-escalation. It is in this spirit that we urge the initial parties to the JCPOA to resume talks without delay.

Mr. President,

With the credibility of the global non-proliferation architecture at stake, and growing uncertainty threatening the stability of the Middle East, the time has long come for responsible action from all sides. We therefore call on all parties to demonstrate political will, engage meaningfully, and reaffirm their commitment to dialogue, diplomacy and respect for international law, including their Non-Proliferation obligations.

Greece will continue to advocate for de-escalation and for the doors of diplomacy and dialogue to remain open. The stakes are otherwise too high for regional and international peace and security.

I thank you.