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President and the Prosecutor of the International Residual Mechanism for  
Criminal Tribunals (for the period from 16 May to 15 November 2025).  
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Thank you, Mr. President.

At the outset I would like to thank the President of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals, Judge Gatti Santana, as well as the Prosecutor Mr. Brammertz, for their remarks and for the progress Report of the Mechanism covering the period from 16 May to 15 November 2025.

The activities of the Mechanism during the current reporting period are a testament of the relevance of its work regarding its judicial activities on proceedings related to core crimes, to the enforcement of sentences or on issues of supervision of their enforcement. They also underscore the importance of its prosecutorial functions through the assistance of the Office of the Prosecutor to competent national authorities when providing evidence, legal, investigative or prosecutorial support thereto.

In view of the above, I would like to underline the following three points:

First, regarding proceedings related to core crimes, we note the developments in the cases against *Kabuga* and *Kayishema* respectively. We also note the still pending, according to the Report, execution of arrest warrants in the cases of *Jojic* and *Radeta*.

Moreover, we underscore the judicial work of the Mechanism as regards the acquitted and released persons in Niger. The efforts of the Mechanism in this respect should be underlined, since their freedom has yet to be guaranteed.

Second, we underscore the assistance of the Mechanism to national jurisdictions regarding the obtaining of testimony of persons under its authority or requests for variation of protective measures. More importantly the Office of the Prosecutor assists national authorities in their requests for the provision of evidence or expertise. The volume and complexity of the requests as well as the accountability gap evidenced by more than one thousand fugitives in Rwanda and in the former Yugoslavia respectively, demonstrate the large number of cases to be processed, but also the vital importance of the continued assistance of the Office of the Prosecutor to national prosecutorial authorities.

We underline that the backlog of requests to the Office of the Prosecutor has been significantly reduced in the reporting period. This is of critical importance, as underlined in the Report, to avoid risks in the success of national investigations and prosecutions. Yet, together with other United Nations entities the Mechanism is asked to reduce its budget. This however should not impact negatively on its work to ensure accountability for the most serious international crimes. Therefore, Greece supports the resource requests of the Office of the Prosecutor to meet its mandate.

Third, we would like to underscore the important role of the Mechanism in countering genocide denial, historical revisionism and the glorification of war criminals, as outlined in the Report, in Rwanda and in the former Yugoslavia. In this regard, it is important to ensure access to judicial records and information on the legacy of the *ad hoc* Tribunals and the Mechanism, while promoting education and remembrance.

To conclude Mr. President, the Security Council established the Mechanism that 'will diminish overtime'. It also requested from the Secretary-General a report, which was recently issued, on options for the transfer of its functions.

Greece welcomes the options recommended by the Mechanism regarding its functions aiming at concluding the justice cycle that started with the *ad hoc* criminal Tribunals in a manner that respects fundamental rights and safeguards the integrity of the judicial process, and with a view to supporting States in achieving justice in domestic courts. We are also grateful to the Secretary-General and in particular to the Office of Legal Affairs for its Report on the matter which is expected to assist Member States in contemplating options regarding the future of the Mechanism.

I thank you.