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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you, Mr. President,

I would like to thank ASG Khiari for his briefing. I also welcome the participation of many countries of the region in the meeting.

Greece continues to follow developments in the Caribbean region closely and is concerned by the further escalation of tensions. We join the Secretary General in advocating for de-escalation, the exercise of maximum restraint and respect for international law, particularly the United Nations Charter.

I would like to make three points, Mr. President:

**First**, we call for the peaceful resolution of any disputes through dialogue and diplomacy. In any case, adherence to international humanitarian law and the protection of civilians remain vital.

**Second**, we caution against an escalation that would also pose a threat to maritime security in the Caribbean and could have repercussions for the wider regional stability. In this context, upholding the Law of the Sea, specifically the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, remains of paramount importance.

**Third**, we fully support the region's efforts to combat drug-trafficking and fight organised crime, which may constitute serious threats to regional and international security. Those activities should ideally be pursued through law enforcement and judicial cooperation

channels, with a view to disrupting criminal organisations and dismantling their business models.

In conclusion, Mr. President, Greece stands ready to support all bilateral, regional and international efforts for a de-escalation in the region through dialogue and diplomacy, in line with international law and international humanitarian law.

I thank you.