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Greece's Statement delivered
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Mr. President,

I would like to thank Special Representative Miroslav Jenča for his briefing and wish him, once more, all the best in the new role that he officially assumed in October.

I also welcome the presence of His Excellency Mr. Mauricio Jaramillo Jassir, Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs.

Greece reiterates its unwavering support for the SRSG and the UN Verification Mission in Colombia and appreciates the organizational adjustments and streamlining efforts, which ensure the Mission's continued operational effectiveness.

As we welcome the renewal of its mandate, we stress the importance of the Mission's sustained, long-term verification of the provisions of the Final Agreement related to security guarantees, the reintegration of ex-combatants and rural reform.

At the same time, we encourage Colombian authorities to continue focusing on the full implementation of the Agreement, including the ethnic chapter and transitional justice, as they enter the final period of their administration.

Greece fully supports Colombia's Final Peace Agreement as a comprehensive framework for national reconciliation and commends the progress achieved, primarily in land distribution and the reintegration of ex-combatants.

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

Firstly, we appreciate the achievements with regard to access to land and to the promotion of development projects in conflict-affected areas.

At the same time, we encourage Colombian authorities to expedite land adjudication and restitution. We believe that comprehensive rural reform should go hand in hand with the reintegration of ex-combatants, to provide them with sustainable alternatives to illicit economic activities.

Furthermore, improving security conditions on the ground, by enhancing state presence and providing security guarantees, remain critical to ensuring ex-combatants' transition to civilian life and laying the foundations for local development and community reconciliation.

Secondly, we remain concerned by the continuing violence in regions where state presence is limited and we denounce the killings and human rights violations and abuses that occurred during the reporting period, particularly the forced recruitment of children by armed groups and the violence targeting women leaders and ex-combatants.

We are confident that the recent decree elevating Colombia's national action plan on Women, Peace and Security to a binding instrument will significantly bolster peacebuilding efforts.

Thirdly, as Colombia enters a critical electoral period, we reiterate our call for free, fair and safe elections, prioritizing the security of all candidates and facilitating the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women in the electoral process.

In this regard, we appreciate the agreements reached with various armed groups to refrain from violence or interference in the upcoming elections.

Mr. President,

In concluding, Greece reiterates its commitment to a Colombian-led and Colombian-owned peace process. Anchored in the Final Peace Agreement, this remains the only viable way to address the structural causes of the conflict and redress historic injustices and inequalities.

I thank you.