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Maintenance of international peace and security (SC Res. 2722 renewal)  
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Greece's Statement delivered  
by H.E. Ambassador Aglaia Balta,  
Permanent Representative of Greece to the United Nations, New York

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Thank you.

Greece joins the United States, as co-penholder, in welcoming the adoption of resolution 2812, which extends for a period of six months the reporting requirement under Security Council resolution 2722 (2024). We extend our appreciation to all Member States for their continued strong support for this resolution.

Maritime security and freedom of navigation in the Red Sea region remain under strain, and trust has yet to be restored along the critical international maritime route. The Houthis continue to pose a serious threat to international shipping, the safety of seafarers and ultimately regional stability as well.

The security environment remains extremely volatile as the recent developments in the South of Yemen and Somalia have shown, and the risk of further deterioration is acute.

The Houthis have long demonstrated persistent, aggressive, and escalatory behavior, carrying out unjustified and increasingly sophisticated attacks against commercial vessels transiting the Red Sea. They possess the capacity, means, and most importantly the intent to continue such actions, despite any temporary pauses. As a result, shipping companies are increasingly forced to divert vessels toward safer, yet significantly more costly and longer, alternative routes.

As a country with a long-standing maritime tradition and a leading contributor to the EU Naval Operation ASPIDES, Greece remains firmly committed to safeguarding maritime security, ensuring freedom of navigation, and protecting seafarers, in full accordance with international law.

Mr. President,

We believe that credible and lasting security guarantees for the Red Sea region must ultimately be achieved, in the context of an inclusive political solution for Yemen that promotes de-escalation, restores trust, and ensures respect for international law.

I thank you.