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Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to commend the United Kingdom for convening this meeting as we mark four years since the Russian invasion of Ukraine. I also thank USG DiCarlo for her sobering remarks on behalf of the Secretary General and I welcome the participation of the Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine in today's meeting.

Mr. President,

Allow me to begin by reiterating Greece's unwavering solidarity and support to the Ukrainian people, as we are sadly standing witness to an ever-worsening humanitarian situation. Ukrainians endure large scale Russian airstrikes, targeting major cities and critical energy infrastructure across the country, weaponizing the energy needs of innocent civilians, amidst harsh winter conditions.

The targeting of civilians and civilian energy infrastructure is a blatant violation of international humanitarian law and must be condemned.

The children of Ukraine, the most vulnerable part of any population, have gravely suffered in the course of these four years. More than three thousand of them have been killed or injured and thousands more were otherwise gravely affected, uprooted and transferred out of the country. Greece calls for their immediate, safe and unconditional return.

Despite the recent commendable diplomatic efforts, peace remains elusive.

Greece has consistently called for a ceasefire and has vigorously supported the objective of a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in Ukraine. A peace that will be in line with international law and the UN Charter and in particular with the principles of respect of sovereignty and territorial integrity of all states. We firmly reject revisionist policies and any attempt to change borders through the use of force.

Mr. President,

The rules and principles enshrined in the UN Charter are the very foundations of the international legal order we subscribed to 80 years ago. It is in the vital interest of this Council and of all the members of the UN to keep this order intact and uphold the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, and the peaceful settlement of disputes.

As a founding member of the United Nations, Greece has shaped its foreign policy all along on the basis of respect for International Law and the principles of the UN Charter. In this spirit, we remain fully committed to Ukraine's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

In closing, Mr. President,

Greece, along with all partners devoted to the same principles, will continue to support efforts aimed at restoring peace in Ukraine. A fair, lasting and comprehensive peace. A peace that will guarantee a prosperous, independent and sovereign future for Ukraine, free from the threat of renewed aggression.

I thank you.