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Thank you, Mr. President.

And I thank Under Secretary General LaCroix, and our briefers, Major General George Owinow and Mr. Edmund Yakani, for their insightful updates.

We share the deep concern over the continued escalation of violence, the sharp deterioration of the security situation and the grave humanitarian consequences in the country. We are particularly alarmed by the reported displacement of more than 180,000 civilians following renewed violence in Jonglei, and by the Government's reporting that 250,000 people were displaced in the first weeks of 2026.

Allow me to underline three points.

First, we remain deeply concerned by the continued erosion of the 2018 Revitalized Agreement, which remains the cornerstone of South Sudan's transitional framework. Unilateral political actions, repeated reshuffles, and the undermining of agreed power-sharing arrangements have significantly weakened the spirit of inclusivity and consensus on which the agreement is based.

In this context, we note with concern the December 2025 attempts to amend the political framework in a manner that separates elections from the completion of a permanent constitution. We therefore reiterate that the Revitalized Agreement, in its entirety, remains the only viable roadmap for sustainable peace and stability in South Sudan and provides the appropriate framework for elections planned for December 2026, and we call for an inclusive dialogue to this end.

Second, Greece is alarmed by the deteriorating security and humanitarian situation across large parts of the country. Continued hostilities between government forces, opposition elements and other armed groups have resulted in increasing civilian casualties, displacement and restricted humanitarian access, particularly in Greater Upper Nile and Greater Equatoria. We condemn in the strongest possible terms, attacks against civilians, humanitarian workers, and United Nations personnel, as well as persistent violations of the Status of Forces Agreement.

Furthermore, we are gravely concerned by serious violations of international humanitarian and human rights law. We particularly condemn the high number of violations against children, including, recruitment and use, abductions, attacks against schools and hospitals and rape, and other forms of sexual violence. Any violations and abuses against children are entirely unacceptable. We call on all parties to end and prevent them immediately, to hold those responsible into account and to ensure the safety and well-being of affected children.

Third, Greece reaffirms its strong support for UNMISS and its mandate, particularly its vital role in protecting civilians, supporting the peace process and facilitating humanitarian access. In this regard, we underscore the importance of full cooperation between the transitional government and UNMISS in line with the Status of Forces Agreement. Constructive engagement is also essential to mitigate the impact of the financial crisis affecting peacekeeping operations and to preserve the Mission's operational effectiveness.

In closing, Mr. President, it is important to acknowledge the continued engagement of the African Union, IGAD and regional partners, and underscore that close coordination between regional and international actors remains essential for sustainable peace in South Sudan.

We call on South Sudanese leaders to demonstrate political will, recommit to dialogue, and place the interests and well-being of the South Sudanese people at the center of their decisions.

I thank you.