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**Security Council Adoption of Resolution on UNAMA
16 March 2026**

Greece's Explanation of Vote delivered
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Thank you, Mr. President.

Greece welcomes the adoption of this Resolution and thanks the penholder, China, for their work. Greece voted in favor of the Resolution, reiterating our unwavering support to UNAMA and its mandate in its entirety. In this regard, we echo the support for the swift appointment of a new Special Representative of the Secretary-General to head UNAMA.

Mr. President,

Greece appreciates UNAMA's invaluable contribution to the coordination of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan, the promotion of human rights and the rule of law, as well as the good offices it provides to facilitate dialogue between the international community and the Taliban.

UNAMA's role is particularly important, given the violations of human rights in Afghanistan, especially women's rights, culminating in the ban on education for girls beyond the sixth grade and the ban on Afghan women UN employees from accessing UN premises.

Greece reiterates its condemnation of these practices and calls on the Taliban to immediately reverse them.

At the same time the present mandate highlights:

- the importance of concrete measures and strengthened efforts that the Taliban need to undertake immediately to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations,
- the need for disaster risk reduction, to address the impacts of natural disasters such as floods, drought and heatwaves, and
- the frequent level of civilian casualties, particularly children, from explosive ordnance incidents, pointing to the need of supporting the Mine Action program in Afghanistan.

Mr. President,

We remain committed to working with our fellow Security Council members for the continuation and the retention of UNAMA's strong mandate also beyond June 2026.

I thank you.