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## **Security Council Adoption of Resolution 2817 on Iranian attacks against GCC Wednesday 11 March 2026**

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

Greece voted in favor of the resolution introduced by Bahrain, on behalf of the GCC countries and Jordan, adding its voice of support to the countries in the Gulf that have been targeted by Iran in an unprecedented way.

Civilians have been hit. Children have been killed. Energy infrastructure has been destroyed and critical maritime routes affected. But most importantly, mutual distrust is now a permanent state of mind in the region's politics and everyday life. This is unacceptable.

We have strongly condemned from the very beginning the Iranian strikes in Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and elsewhere.

We are therefore pleased to be one of the first member states to co-sponsor this Resolution alongside a large part of the international community. This is a moment in which the voice of the international community is being heard loud and clear in the Security Council.

Mr. President, Colleagues,

At the same time, the risks for regional and international peace and security remain exceptionally high and we are deeply concerned by the continuing military escalation in the region.

All parties must exercise maximum restraint, prevent a further spiral of violence and work urgently to reopen credible channels of dialogue in order to achieve a durable, negotiated solution.

Absent a diplomatic solution, we will face a protracted conflict and crisis with growing regional and international consequences for all.

As an elected Member of this Council, we reiterate therefore our call for de-escalation, dialogue and diplomacy. Our aim should be to find ways to return to substantial

negotiations towards a peaceful settlement in line with international law and the UN Charter.

Finally, as this Resolution makes clear and as a leading maritime and shipping nation, we are flagging the alarming consequences of this conflict on global trade and energy supply. The Straits of Hormuz must open again and freedom of navigation must be restored without delay.

As we have said time and again, failure is not an option.

I thank you.