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**Briefing to the Security Council by the Chair of the Committee  
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Statement of Greece delivered  
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I thank you, Mr. President, for briefing the Council, in your capacity as the acting Chair of the 1540 Committee.

Greece remains fully committed to supporting the effective and universal implementation of resolution 1540, which aims at preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery to non-state actors, including for terrorist purposes.

I will make three remarks.

First, we commend the significant progress achieved in 2025, under the Chairmanship of the Permanent Representative of Panama, Ambassador Eloy Alfaro de Alba and his team.

Second, in its capacity as Vice-Chair, Greece actively participated in the Committee's activities, including through co-chairing the second annual open briefing, in October 2025, as well as, with the organization and support of the UNODA, a workshop on Maritime Border Security Enforcement, in November 2025.

Third, important challenges for the Committee lay ahead, recalling the need for the urgent appointment of Chairs of the Security Council's subsidiary organs, including the Chair of the 1540 Committee. In particular, in the coming period, the Committee will be called to continue the preparation of the 2027 Comprehensive Review on the status of implementation of resolution 1540 (2004).

Moreover, it is important for the Committee to ensure that the Group of Experts works efficiently and on a continuous basis, including through the filling of the vacancies within the Group, without further delay. Regrettably, this has become a long overdue issue.

Finally, my country believes that the Committee should further enhance its cooperation with international, regional and subregional organizations and other UN bodies in the context of resolution 1540 (2004), particularly with the European Union.

In conclusion, Greece commends the Committee's support structure, including the Group of Experts, UNODA and DPPA for their invaluable support to the Committee and thanks Panama for its leadership. We stand ready to continue supporting the important work.

I thank you.