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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you Mr. President,

I welcome the presence of Her Excellency, Mrs. Rosa Yolanda Villavicencio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia. I would like to thank Special Representative Miroslav Jenča for his insightful briefing and Ms. Olga Quintero for her pertinent remarks.

As Colombia has entered its national elections period, the significance of its Final Peace Agreement is more evident than ever, having contributed in a fundamental way to the country's stability and democratization.

In view of the above, I would like to make the following three points:

First, Greece welcomes the elections held and commends the authorities for ensuring a peaceful electoral process in March. The incidents of violence against candidates and political leaders by illegal armed groups in rural and conflict-affected areas in the run-up to the elections remain, however, deeply concerning. As the presidential elections approach in May, security measures must be put in place, for both candidates and voters.

In this regard, we welcome the pact, led by the Office of the Ombudsperson, to ensure peaceful elections free from hateful rhetoric and disinformation.

Moreover, the Peace Agreement's provision for 16 seats representing conflict-affected regions highlights its role in promoting reconciliation and the inclusion of former combatants and peace signatories in public and political life.

Equally important is the fact that, despite the Comunes Party losing congressional representation, its leaders acknowledged the electoral results and reaffirmed their steadfast commitment to the Peace Agreement.

Second, we appreciate the progress achieved in the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement, in particular regarding rural reform and the reintegration of ex-combatants.

The combined implementation of these two components of the Peace Agreement is crucial to reducing historical inequalities, fostering development in rural regions, ensuring redress for the victims of the conflict, providing alternative economic opportunities to illicit activities and enhancing State presence in conflict-affected areas.

Third, we remain deeply concerned by the violence in regions under the influence of illegal armed groups, in particular by the killings, forced displacements of local populations and illicit economic activities.

The impact of the use of drones against civilians is also alarming, as armed groups continue to clash with each other and with security forces.

We therefore commend the Government's adjustment to its security strategy through a dual-track approach that combines dialogue with armed groups with strengthened security measures in conflict-affected regions.

At the same time, we condemn the violence perpetrated by armed groups and urge for the immediate cessation of illicit activities, including the recruitment and use of children as well as sexual and gender-based violence against women.

Mr. President,

In closing, Greece reiterates its unwavering support for the SRSG and the UN Verification Mission in Colombia, as they support the Colombian Government in the implementation of the Final Peace Agreement.

I thank you.