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High Level Open Debate
on the Maintenance of International Peace and Security
“The Safety and Protection of Waterways in the Maritime Domain”
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Greece's Further Statement (Reply) delivered
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Thank you Mr. President,

Greece would like to make the following point regarding the statement made earlier by the representative of Türkiye:

The Montreux Convention of 1936 is the only international legal document regulating navigation through the Straits of Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmara and the Bosphorus, and guaranteeing the freedom of navigation through them.

Thus, respect of the terminology of the Montreux Convention aims at preserving and confirming this freedom enshrined therein.

The use of the term “Turkish Straits” is not consistent with the Montreux Convention of 1936 regarding the regime of the Straits.

The terminology in accordance with the Montreux Convention is “the Straits”, and namely “Straits of Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmara and the Bosphorus”.

I thank you.