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Thank you Mr. President,

I thank ASG Khiari for his briefing and I welcome the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to the Council today and thank her for her valuable remarks.

Effective multilateralism is not a choice—it is an imperative. The United Nations and the European Union are grounded in the conviction that peace, security and prosperity require cooperation, respect for international law and shared responsibility—principles whose importance is only heightened in today's challenging environment.

The EU remains a steadfast and credible partner of the UN —politically, operationally and financially. This partnership is grounded in a clear normative framework: full respect for the UN Charter, international law, including international humanitarian law, and human rights law. These principles are the foundation of trust among States and the most effective safeguard for international peace and security. The UN and the EU remain the bulwarks against their continued erosion.

As a leading development and humanitarian donor, the EU contributes decisively to the achievement of the SDGs and to the promotion and protection of human rights. At a time of increasing geopolitical tensions, it is essential to place the protection of civilians and respect for international humanitarian law at the forefront of our efforts, ensuring that violations are addressed in a consistent and accountable manner, as lasting peace cannot be secured without full adherence to these principles.

Mr. President,

The EU–UN strategic partnership on peace and security demonstrates the added value of effective multilateral cooperation. From peace operations to conflict prevention and post-conflict stabilization, EU engagement complements and very often implements Security Council mandates across multiple theatres. Prevention, in particular, must remain our shared priority. In our neighborhood, the Western Balkans, cooperation

remains essential for maintaining stability, including through EUFOR Althea, while continued engagement through the EU-facilitated Belgrade-Pristina dialogue remains key to fostering regional stability, reconciliation and effective prevention.

This partnership is equally vital in the maritime domain. Maritime security, freedom of navigation and the protection of critical sea lanes are integral to international peace and security. In an increasingly interconnected world, disruptions at sea -whether due to conflict, illicit trafficking or attacks on infrastructure- have immediate global repercussions, as we can now see with the case in the Strait of Hormuz.

In this regard, EU naval operations, including IRINI, ASPIDES and ATALANTA, make a tangible contribution to safeguarding maritime security, ensuring the protection of global trade routes and countering emerging threats from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean and the Horn of Africa. Their actions are firmly anchored in international law, in particular UNCLOS, which remains the cornerstone of maritime governance.

Mr. President,

Together with our EU partners, we reiterate our firm condemnation of Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a blatant violation of the UN Charter. A just and lasting peace must be grounded in respect for sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity. Europe must remain fully engaged in this process of cardinal importance for European security.

In the Middle East, along with all EU member states, we supported Resolution 2817 and we reiterate our call on all parties to exercise maximum restraint, protect civilians and humanitarian workers, and engage in meaningful dialogue.

Across Africa and other regions, the scale and complexity of crises underscore the need for strengthened cooperation between the UN, the EU and regional organizations, including the African Union. In this context, coordinated international efforts, with the participation of the EU, including engagement in the case of Sudan, such as through the quintet remain essential to support mediation, advance peacebuilding and address the root causes of instability.

To conclude, Mr. President, strengthening UN-EU cooperation is not only about efficiency—it is about delivering results and preserving an increasingly fragile international peace and security. Greece remains firmly committed to advancing UN-EU cooperation as a force multiplier for peace, security and stability, in full respect of international law and the UN Charter.

I thank you.