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Thank you Madame President,

I would like to start by thanking USG Mr. Lacroix, the Force Commander of MINUSCA, Lt. General Humphrey Nyone, as well as the Acting Head of Mission and Force Commander of UNISFA, Maj. General Ganesh Kumar Shrestha for their remarks.

Greece pays tribute to the men and women who serve under the UN flag, and honors the memory of those who have fallen in the line of duty. Attacks against peacekeepers, like the latest against UNIFIL, are unacceptable and a serious violation of SC Resolutions and international law. We reiterate our firm belief that those responsible for attacks against peacekeepers should be held accountable.

Madame President, I wish to highlight 3 points.

First, in the Pact for the Future, we committed to adapt peace operations to better respond to existing challenges and new realities. We look forward to the completion of the review of the future of all forms of UN peace operations. In particular, we support that the review should prioritize: a) increasing efficiency and agility of peace operations under increasingly constrained budgetary conditions; b) ensuring the primacy of politics in all mandates; and c) enhancing collaboration between the UN and regional and subregional organizations, in particular the African Union. As a cross-cutting concern, adaptation should not affect the core functions of peace operations, including ceasefire monitoring and the protection of civilians, particularly vulnerable groups such as women and children.

Second, Greece reiterates its steadfast support for UNISFA and MINUSCA, which continue to deliver their crucial missions amidst substantial but unavoidable budgetary and personnel constraints. We stress the need that any adjustment should not be horizontal, but tailor-made and based on the specific needs and conditions of each peace operation.

In this context, Greece also wishes to underline that, in line with UN Security Council Resolution 2764 (2024), child protection capacities developed within UN peace operations should be preserved during mission transitions and withdrawals, including through their smooth and responsible transfer to UN country teams where appropriate. In this regard, continued support by Member States to relevant protection capacities after mission transition remains essential, particularly in fragile contexts where risks for children often increase during institutional reconfiguration.

We recognize MINUSCA's crucial and multidimensional role in supporting political stabilization in the Central African Republic, particularly during the delicate post-electoral period. We commend the resumption of the DDR process, a pillar of the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation, as well as MINUSCA's cross-border and intercommunal dialogue and stabilization initiatives. We also note the continuing threats posed by armed groups and cross-border destabilizing dynamics, which require agile mission posture and strengthened regional coordination.

Moreover, we commend UNISFA and the troop-contributing countries whose peacekeepers risk their lives to provide peace and security in Abyei. We underscore the need for the host authorities to immediately and unconditionally support UNISFA operations. We also take note of the challenges arising from the withdrawal of JBVMM team sites and stress the importance of preserving confidence-building, early warning and verification capacities in the Abyei area. The absence of meaningful progress toward a negotiated solution remains deeply troubling.

Third, Greece supports the integration of new technologies, including AI capabilities, remote sensing tools and enhanced situational awareness, in the training and capacity-building of peacekeepers in both missions. However, we must guard against the misuse of such technologies to spread disinformation or undermine the credibility of peacekeepers.

In conclusion, Madame President, Greece remains committed to strengthening political unity within the Council, and supporting peace operations in delivering their mandates, especially in the current challenging operational and budgetary context.

I thank you.