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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you, Mr. President, and let me thank SRSG Tetteh for her briefing and continued efforts to support the political process in Libya. We also welcome the participation of the Permanent Representative of Libya to this meeting.

Mr. President,

The recent outbreak of regional turmoil is a reminder that the unification of state institutions and the attainment of comprehensive and sustainable peace in Libya is today imperative. The UN political roadmap presented by the SRSG remains the most viable path toward achieving these objectives. We welcome initiatives that encourage dialogue between the sides, so far as they complement and reinforce UN-led efforts toward a lasting political solution, based on Libyan ownership and consensus.

Libyan actors are urged to transcend divisions, engaging constructively in a genuinely Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process. It is imperative to promptly meet conditions for the holding of free, fair, inclusive and credible simultaneous presidential and parliamentary elections, as envisioned in the UN roadmap. Similarly, we encourage all Libyan stakeholders to engage constructively with the ensuing steps presented by the SRSG.

Madame President,

There is merit in taking stock of recent positive developments and progress made. The structured dialogue has continued to advance, with the inclusive participation of civil society, women, and persons with disabilities. Similarly, through US mediation, there has been agreement on a long-overdue, unified budget, and the conduct of joint military training. At the same time, challenges persist. The judicial sector remains fragmented, undermining the rule of law and institutional cohesion. We call on Libyan stakeholders to overcome these divisions and urge them to move decisively toward unification through dialogue and constructive engagement.

Madame President,

The security situation, while of relative calm around Tripoli as outlined in the SG Report, can swiftly change. Foreign fighters and mercenaries have no place in Libya, while armed groups must de-escalate. Progress in the political process in Libya should proceed in parallel with the withdrawal of foreign forces. The illicit flow of arms and heavy weaponry in particular continues to fuel instability underscoring the critical importance of the full and effective implementation of the UN arms embargo.

In this context, Greece looks forward to working, as co-penholder, alongside France, on the renewal of the mandate of Operation IRINI.

On another note, the SG Report highlights that, as regional security remains challenged, refugee and migration flows are on the rise. A comprehensive approach is necessary to tackle the root causes of migration and prevent criminal smuggling networks from profiting from human suffering.

Madame President,

Greece thanks you, in your capacity as Chair, for presenting the sixty-second periodic report of the Sanctions Committee. We fully support and commend the work conducted, as critical for the effective implementation of the UN sanctions regime.

In this vein, Greece welcomed the unanimous adoption of Resolution 2819, renewing the Libyan sanctions regime. The Resolution clarified provisions related to the asset freeze, calling on Member States and financial institutions to safeguard Libyan assets. It also called on them to support a comprehensive audit led by the Libyan Investment Authority, with a view to ensuring their preservation.

It is now essential that the Implementation Assistance Notice on paragraph 14 of resolution 2769 -the issuance of which Greece requested- be finalized without delay, in order to provide the necessary clarity and facilitate the effective management of LIA funds.

In conclusion, Madame President,

A long-standing partner of Libya, and in full support of the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of our neighbour, Greece stands firmly behind efforts to advance the political process and achieve a strong, stable, prosperous and unified Libya, free from foreign interference and fully in control of its sovereign institutions.

I thank you.