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Madame President,

At the outset, I would like to thank SRSG Massieu and GSF Special Representative Christofides for their briefings. I also welcome the presence of H.E. Alix Didier Fils-Aimé, the Prime Minister of Haiti, in the meeting.

The full establishment of the UN Support Office in Haiti and the gradual deployment of the Gang Suppression Force should mark a turning point, with a focus on stabilizing the security environment and dismantling criminal gangs. At the same time, the political transition must proceed in tandem to ensure free, fair, and safe elections, as soon as security conditions permit this.

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

First, Greece appreciates the peaceful and timely transfer of executive power from the Transitional Presidential Council to the Council of Ministers, under Prime Minister Fils-Aimé.

We reiterate our support for the Prime Minister and his priorities of restoring security and organizing elections, also on the understanding that any adjustments to the electoral calendar aim solely at safeguarding optimal security conditions.

We welcome the National Pact for Stability and the Organization of Elections and encourage all Haitian political stakeholders to endorse it, remaining genuinely committed to the political transition and refraining from shortsighted political gains.

We further applaud the appointment of five women Ministers following the cabinet reshuffle, a crucial step towards women's inclusive participation in the political process. We acknowledge the progress in electoral preparations, most notably the registration of political parties, as credible elections remain the only path to restoring constitutional order.

In this regard, I wish to emphasize the indispensable role of BINUH in supporting Haitian authorities throughout the transitional period, facilitating inter-Haitian political dialogue and providing technical assistance for electoral preparations.

Second, while anti-gang operations have achieved some tactical successes, primarily in the capital, the security situation remains fragile. Gangs continue to perpetrate killings, widespread human rights abuses, sexual and gender-based violence, and trafficking and recruitment of children. We repeat our strong condemnation of these atrocities and remain confident that the gradual deployment of the GSF will yield concrete security results.

In this regard, yesterday we announced a financial contribution to the United Nations Trust Fund in support of the GSF. We commend all member states

that have pledged personnel to the GSF, while underscoring that all counter-gang operations must strictly adhere to international human rights standards to prevent excessive use of force.

In parallel, we welcome the operationalization of UNSOH and the appointment of Ms. Daniela Krosiak as its Head, offering our unwavering support as she assumes this vital role.

Third, Haiti remains one of the most dangerous places to be a child, with children comprising half of gang members and more than half a million displaced.

Against this backdrop, we welcome the long-awaited re-establishment of the National Commission for Disarmament, Dismantlement and Reintegration and the appointment of its members. We are hopeful that the reactivation of the Commission will contribute to child recruitment prevention, violence reduction and the design and implementation of safe exit and rehabilitation strategies for children and youth.

At the same time, the justice system must be reformed to manage the projected increase in arrests following GSF deployment, with a specific focus on ending prolonged pre-trial detention, especially for children.

Madame President,

As Haiti is hopefully about to enter a new era with the gradual deployment of the GSF, Greece remains committed to supporting the nation's path towards security stabilization, a nationally-owned, democratic political transition and sustainable development.

I thank you.