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**Security Council Briefing on the thirty-first Report of the Prosecutor of the  
International Criminal Court to the United Nations Security Council pursuant to  
Resolution 1970(2011)  
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Statement of Greece delivered  
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Thank you Mr. President,

We thank Deputy Prosecutor Nazhat Shameem Khan as well as the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court for the presentation of the thirty-first report pursuant to Resolution 1970(2011) regarding the referral of the situation in Libya.

I would also like to welcome the participation of the Permanent Representative of Libya in today's meeting.

Mr. President,

We wish to underscore the significant judicial developments regarding the *El Hishri* case following the surrender of the suspect to the Court and the commencement of judicial proceedings. This marks a significant step forward in combatting impunity in Libya.

We also take note of the progress made as to the conclusion of the investigative activities on crimes concerning the line of inquiry on the 2011 violence. Currently the Court has nine outstanding public arrest warrants four of which relate to these crimes.

We also welcome the continued investigative work of the Office of the Prosecutor. During this reporting period the Office of the Prosecutor collected over 690 items of evidence, conducted over 15 interviews, assessed more than 19 witnesses and transmitted 19 requests for assistance to States and international organizations, receiving wide range of support including from nine national enforcement and prosecutorial authorities.

In this regard, Greece wishes to underline the efforts undertaken by the Office of the Prosecutor toward empowering the participation of victims and witnesses in investigative processes. This is not only related to the OTP link, but also to the support to witnesses regarding security, medical and psychological assistance tailored to their needs in relation to specific crimes such as those in the detention facilities.

We further stress that new and emerging technologies as well as methods to trace the proceeds of crimes to support investigations and the establishment of evidence on core international crimes coupled with the necessary safeguards to the integrity of the judicial proceedings would effectively enhance, as the Report rightly underlines, the investigations.

My final point, Mr. President, relates to the increased cooperation of the Office of the Prosecutor with the Libyan authorities and the offices of the President of the Presidential Council of Libya, and of the Prime Minister, in particular following Libya's acceptance of the Court's jurisdiction pursuant to the declaration of article 12 paragraph 3 of the Rome Statute.

At the same time, we urge the Libyan authorities to proceed with the execution of arrest warrants for suspects residing in Libya, which remains, as the Report underscores, 'unsatisfactory' since cooperation with the Attorney General equally 'remains significantly below the level required under Security Council Resolution 1970(2011)'.

To conclude Mr. President,

We note with regret that the Deputy Prosecutor was not able to brief the Council in person today and we fear that this might impact negatively on the victims of atrocities and, consequently, on criminal accountability in relation to serious international crimes. In this respect, we underscore our undertaking to uphold and defend the Rome Statute, maintaining its integrity against threats and actions aimed at the Court or its officials.

I thank you.