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**Security Council Adoption of Resolution on UNAMA mandate renewal
15 June 2026**

Greece's Explanation of vote delivered
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Madame President,

Greece welcomes the adoption of this Resolution and thanks the penholder, China, for their work and the conduct of the negotiation process.

Greece voted in favor of this Resolution, reiterating our unwavering support for UNAMA and for a strong mandate.

We welcome the retention of all three pillars of UNAMA's mandate: the coordination of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan, the promotion and protection of human rights, and the facilitation of political dialogue between the international community and the Taliban.

Greece is particularly concerned by human rights violations in Afghanistan, especially regarding women's rights, as well as by reprisals against activists and human rights defenders.

We condemn all restrictions on the fundamental freedoms of the Afghan people, particularly women, including the ban on female Afghan UN employees from accessing UN premises.

In this regard, we appreciate the human rights provisions of the mandate, including on the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence, including sexual and gender based violence.

We also welcome the engagement of civil society in the promotion of human rights and the political dialogue.

At the same time, we would like to stress that the provisions on Women, Peace and Security should be mainstreamed throughout UNAMA's mandate.

Madame President,

We believe that UNAMA's streamlined mandate will significantly enhance the effectiveness of the Mission, and that the requested strategic review will contribute to this end.

We also reiterate our support for the swift appointment of a new Special Representative of the Secretary-General to head UNAMA.

We remain committed to working with our fellow Security Council members to ensure UNAMA's effective implementation of its mandate.

I thank you.