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**Security Council meeting  
on the progress report of the President and the Prosecutor of the International  
Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals  
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Greece's Statement delivered  
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Thank you Madame President,

Greece wishes to thank the President and the Prosecutor of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals for their briefings and the current progress report.

We would also like to welcome the presence of His Excellency, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Rwanda, as well as the representatives of Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the United Republic of Tanzania and Croatia to this meeting.

We further welcome the Sixth Review Report, including the submission to the Council of a Strategic Plan, containing proposals for concrete timelines for the transfer and completion of the Mechanism's functions, pursuant to Security Council Resolution 2740(2024).

Regarding the current progress report, Greece wishes to underscore the following:

First, regarding the execution of the arrest warrants in the *Kayishema*, as well as the *Jojic and Radeta* cases we note that they relate to State obligations falling under the ambit of Chapter VII of the Charter, which have not been fulfilled for a long period of time.

Second, on the issue of relocated persons, Greece notes the Mechanism's findings that its duty of care does not extend beyond the current calendar year. We also note the need to secure a durable solution in compliance with the agreement between the United Nations and Niger.

Third, Greece underscores the support provided by the Office of the Prosecutor to national investigations and prosecutions with the aim of bringing to justice more than one thousand suspects for crimes of genocide in Rwanda and an equal number of senior and mid-level suspects for war crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

In light of the above, Greece welcomes the Strategic Plan of the Mechanism and agrees with its recommendations. We note in particular the proposed actions addressed to the Security Council as well as the timeline for the transfer and completion of its functions.

Regarding the future transfer of these functions, we wish to underscore the following issues, which are of importance for combating impunity and ensuring assistance to national authorities in bringing fugitives at large to justice.

In this respect, Greece notes the recommendations of the Mechanism regarding the transfer to the UN Secretariat of the OTP assistance to national jurisdictions. We equally note the recommendations concerning the transfer of its international functions regarding early release, variation of protective measures, *non bis in idem* and referral.

Greece supports, in line with the Security Council Resolution 2740(2024), a small temporary and efficient structure, together with an ambitious and concrete timeline for the transfer of the functions of the Mechanism while respecting the principles of legality and due process.

Furthermore, Greece wishes to address the pending issue of the location of the archives of the Mechanism including those of the Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. In our view, the Secretariat should be encouraged, in addition to the options already identified, to take practical steps aimed at narrowing down the available locations that could host the archives.

In conclusion, Madame President,

The Mechanism, pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1966(2011) and subsequent Resolutions, has contributed to combat impunity for those responsible for serious violations of international humanitarian law.

Greece is confident that workable solutions can be identified to ensure the smooth and orderly transfer of its functions by achieving significant resource reductions, while safeguarding the functions of international character and providing assistance to national authorities to render justice for victims.

I thank you.