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Thank you, Madam President,

I would like to express my appreciation to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ms. Hanna Tetteh, for her comprehensive briefing and for her continued dedication to advancing the political process in Libya. We also welcome the presence of the Permanent Representative of Libya at today's meeting.

Madame President,

Libya is a key partner for stability and prosperity in the region and Greece is committed to continuing its support to the UN-led political process and further strengthening its bilateral cooperation with Libya.

The latest instability across the wider region serves as a clear reminder of the urgent need to reunify Libya's state institutions and secure a durable and inclusive peace. The political framework proposed by the United Nations remains the most credible avenue for achieving these goals.

We support initiatives that foster communication and confidence building among Libyan parties, provided that they strengthen and complement the UN-led process aimed at reaching a sustainable political settlement founded on Libyan ownership and broad national consensus.

We encourage all Libyan stakeholders to move beyond entrenched divisions and participate in good faith in a truly Libyan-led political dialogue.

Creating the necessary conditions for free, transparent, inclusive, and credible presidential and parliamentary elections, should remain a priority. We likewise urge all parties to engage positively in the next phases of the process outlined by the Special Representative.

We believe it is high time for the Transitional Phase to end and we urge all parties to engage in a process that is Libya-led and Libya-owned.

Madam President,

It is important to acknowledge areas where progress has been achieved.

We welcome the completion of the structured political dialogue, which benefited from the meaningful participation of civil society representatives, women, and persons with disabilities.

Furthermore, US-facilitated efforts have contributed to an agreement on a unified national budget, long overdue, as well as the organization of joint military exercises.

Nevertheless, significant obstacles remain.

Fragmentation within the judiciary continues to weaken the rule of law and hinder institutional unity, raising the risk of further parallel systems in the country.

We call upon Libyan actors to address these shortcomings and take concrete steps toward national reconciliation and institutional consolidation through dialogue and cooperation.

Madam President,

Although the overall security environment around Tripoli has remained relatively stable, recent clashes in Zawiya have demonstrated how rapidly the situation can deteriorate.

At the same time, Libya should not continue to host foreign fighters and mercenaries. Advancements in the political track must be accompanied by tangible progress toward the withdrawal of all foreign military elements, in line with relevant Security Council resolutions.

Equally concerning is the continued illicit transfer of weapons, particularly heavy arms, which fuels insecurity and instability. This highlights the urgent need for the full implementation of the United Nations arms embargo by all Member States.

As regional security challenges persist, migration and refugee movements continue to increase.

Addressing these developments requires a comprehensive strategy that tackles the underlying causes of displacement while disrupting criminal trafficking and smuggling networks that exploit vulnerable populations.

Continued instability and division in the country also contribute to irregular migration flows. Greece is engaging closely with Libya to help address this major challenge, in full respect of international humanitarian law.

We are also concerned by the recent rise in misinformation, disinformation and hate speech directed against refugees, migrants, and personnel of UNHCR and we note with concern the recent incidents and threats against UN premises in Tripoli.

The United Nations has consistently supported the Libyan people, and the UN personnel, premises, property and assets must be fully protected and respected in accordance with international law.

Madam President,

Regarding the sanctions regime, we underline the importance of finalizing, without further delay, the Implementation Assistance Notice related to paragraph 14 of Resolution 2769, the issuance of which was requested by Greece.

Such guidance is necessary to ensure legal clarity and support the efficient administration of Libyan Investment Authority funds.

In closing, as a longstanding friend and partner of Libya, Greece remains firmly committed to supporting the country's sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity.

We will continue to back international efforts aimed at advancing the political process and promoting a stable, united, secure, and prosperous Libya, maintaining good neighborly relations with all its neighbours.

We aspire to see a Libya free from external interference and exercising full authority over its national institutions.

I thank you.