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Greece's Statement delivered
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Thank you, Madam President.

I express my gratitude to SRSG Valentine Rugwabiza for her comprehensive briefing and, more broadly, for her steadfast leadership of MINUSCA throughout the pivotal period for the Central African Republic.

I also thank Ambassador Omar Hilale, Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission, for his valuable update and welcome the participation of the Representative of the Central African Republic in today's meeting.

Madam President,

Back in February, we lauded what we called a noteworthy exercise of democratic choice demonstrated by the people of the Central African Republic. Today, we are pleased to see that this democratic expression has translated into the successful establishment of national institutions, with the formation of a new Government and the installation of a new National Assembly following a generally peaceful electoral period.

We commend the authorities, political stakeholders and citizens of the Central African Republic for their commitment to stability throughout this process. We further encourage continued efforts to establish local governance mechanisms, broaden civic space and strengthen the inclusion of all segments of society in public life. As underscored during the stake-out earlier on, we are confident that the contribution of newly elected women officials and representatives will be essential in advancing these goals.

At the same time, the successful completion of the electoral cycle should now serve as a catalyst for the enhanced implementation of the Peace Agreement, particularly with regard to the disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and repatriation process.

The achievements witnessed during the electoral period also underscore the indispensable role played by MINUSCA. The confidence placed by this Council in the Mission's ability to support the electoral process has borne tangible results. As the Mission adapts its deployment to evolving fiscal and operational realities, it is essential that the international community ensure that this reconfiguration is matched by the resources, mobility capabilities and political support necessary for MINUSCA to fulfil its mandate effectively.

We are encouraged by the demonstrated commitment to cooperation between the Mission and the new Government, which provides a positive foundation for the next phase of political and security developments, while helping address the significant challenges that remain.

Security threats continue to be particularly acute in the north-eastern and south-eastern regions of the country. As highlighted both in the Secretary-General's Report and in the recent Report of the Panel of Experts assisting the 2745 Sanctions Committee, external dynamics linked to the conflict in Sudan continue to further strain the local security environment, leaving border areas vulnerable to cross-border movements, recruitment and logistical networks involving related armed actors.

Moreover, we remain attentive to the human rights situation. While serious concerns persist, we take note of the reported decrease in the overall number of human rights violations and abuses. We are encouraged by the slight decline in verified grave violations against children, particularly as this trend is recorded during the dry season, a period that has traditionally witnessed heightened levels of violence and insecurity. However, challenges remain, including continued recruitment and use of children by armed groups. Sustained humanitarian support must therefore accompany concrete political and security efforts.

In closing, Madam President,

The encouraging developments witnessed during the reporting period demonstrate that sustained national ownership, supported by effective international engagement, can yield tangible results.

We remain convinced that continued international support, including through MINUSCA, will be essential to consolidating these gains and advancing lasting peace, security and development in the Central African Republic.

I thank you.