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Thank you, Mr. President.

I would like to begin by thanking you for convening this meeting and Director Gotoh, as well as Acting Assistant Secretary-General Ratwatte for their remarks.

Mr. President,

We meet once again in the aftermath of successive waves of indiscriminate Russian strikes across Ukraine, including the largest ballistic missile attack so far, on the 18th and 19th of July, causing scores of civilian casualties and extensive damage to residential areas and civilian infrastructure in Kyiv and many other parts of the country, including the Black Sea. Between 17 and 20th of July, nearly 60 civilians were killed and around 370 were injured. Among the targets was a recreation park in Odesa, and children were once again among the victims.

Russia has since renewed its attacks, resulting in further deaths and injuries and the destruction of civilian infrastructure. Most recently, the Honorary Consulate of Latvia in Slovyansk was attacked and severely damaged.

Diplomatic and consular premises should never be targeted. We strongly condemn the clear violation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and stand in full solidarity with Latvia and Ukraine. Our thoughts are with those affected by these attacks.

We also stand in solidarity with Romania over the repeated incursions of drones into Romania's airspace. Any violation of the airspace and territorial integrity of a sovereign state constitutes a clear breach of international law and is unacceptable.

Over the past few months, Russia has significantly increased its use of ballistic missiles and glide bombs against densely populated areas, along with the scale and intensity of these attacks, with devastating consequences. Civilian casualties from such attacks rose by 60% compared to 2025.

This war has a particular impact on women and girls, with respective casualties increasing significantly — by 34% — this year. We join UN Women in calling for an urgent end to the violence and for gender-responsive humanitarian assistance.

Mr. President,

This Council has convened repeatedly in recent months due to Russia's attacks. But every new strike is further reason to prevent the current status quo of this war from becoming the norm. The international community must not become desensitized to the suffering of the Ukrainian people.

Greece strongly condemns this latest pattern of attacks by Russia and calls for urgent de-escalation. We also deplore the increasing trend of repeated strikes against UN agencies in Ukraine, including WFP, WHO and UNICEF, affecting the delivery of life-saving assistance to civilians impacted by this war.

We reiterate that all parties must strictly comply with their obligations under international law. Any allegations of violations must be investigated, and those responsible must be held accountable.

On another note, and in view of the latest intensification of attacks against ships and port infrastructure in the Black Sea, we underline the importance of upholding maritime security, freedom of navigation, and respect for the Law of the Sea.

Mr. President,

The answer to the recent escalation is simple. It has been staring us in the face since the beginning of the US-led peace initiative and Ukraine's own agreement: an immediate, full and unconditional ceasefire, creating the conditions for a resumption of direct peace talks toward a negotiated settlement based on international law and the principles of the UN Charter.

Greece reaffirms its unwavering support for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine within its internationally recognized borders. We call on the Russian Federation to end its attacks, withdraw its forces from the internationally recognized territory of Ukraine, and engage in good-faith efforts towards a comprehensive, just and lasting peace.

Greece, along with its partners, will continue to stand with the Ukrainian people in their fight for a sovereign and independent future.

I thank you.