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Thank you, Madame Chair.

This meeting, convened amidst Russia's ongoing aggression against Ukraine, comes a mere few days after the release of the latest UN report detailing verified Ukrainian civilian casualties. The statistics are harrowing, with June being the bloodiest month since April 2022, at the start of the full-scale invasion. Civilian casualties now exceed 65.000 people, with almost 3.800 being children. These numbers are impossible to ignore or brush over. Against this backdrop, we would like to make three points:

First, the human cost of the war in Ukraine continues to be devastating. Civilians continue to bear the brunt of the conflict. More than half of the country's energy infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, in an attempt to erode civilian morale and force Ukraine into capitulation. This pattern of attacks against Ukrainian cities is quite evident and has been escalating during recent months. International humanitarian law prohibits deliberate attacks against civilians and civilian objects and regulates warfare through respect of the principles of distinction, proportionality, precaution and military necessity. These attacks should cease immediately. Regarding human rights, we are reminded of the latest report by the OHCHR, which documents systematic violations against Ukrainian prisoners of war and residents of the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine. We call on Russia to comply with its respective obligations.

Second, every allegation of violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, irrespective of the alleged perpetrator, must be thoroughly, independently and impartially investigated, and those responsible must be held accountable. International law applies equally to all, and credible accountability requires independent judicial and investigative mechanisms operating in accordance with due process and established international standards.

We therefore continue to support the work of the relevant UN institutions, such as the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, but also the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Ukraine, and other international mechanisms mandated to establish the facts and preserve evidence. We call on Russia to cooperate with them and to facilitate their access, including to the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine and the Russian areas affected by hostilities.

Third, Greece, along with the Secretary General and the vast majority of the international community, has repeatedly called for an immediate ceasefire, to create the grounds for dialogue and diplomacy to resume. We reiterate our call today, as well as our firm conviction that a peace settlement can only be just and lasting, when upholding international law and the principles of the UN Charter.

I thank you.