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Thank you, Mr. President

I thank Under-Secretary-General DiCarlo for her briefing, and the Secretariat for its continued work on the implementation of Resolution 2231 — still an essential framework for this Council.

We have taken note of the Secretary-General's report and the IAEA Director General's report to the Board of Governors. Greece's commitment to the global non-proliferation architecture is unwavering, with the NPT and the IAEA being its indispensable cornerstones.

Mr. President,

We remain deeply concerned by the scope and nature of Iran's nuclear programme. Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon. It must commit, clearly and unconditionally, to an exclusively peaceful nuclear policy. The IAEA has reported a serious loss of continuity of knowledge over Iran's activities — including the size, composition, and whereabouts of its enriched uranium stockpile. Key aspects of Iran's activities cannot be verified. Safeguards issues remain unresolved. Iran is not implementing the Additional Protocol or modified Code 3.1.

To be unequivocal: NPT safeguards obligations permit no suspension, under any circumstances. We call on Iran to restore full, effective, and constructive cooperation with the IAEA without delay. That means all necessary information and access, and the immediate, full, and safe return of the Agency's inspectors. Only reliable, impartial, continuous verification can restore international confidence that Iran's programme is exclusively peaceful.

Mr. President,

Diplomacy remains the only effective, sustainable path for the Iranian nuclear issue, and for the wider conflict and escalation gripping the region. Greece is concerned by yet another escalation in the area, and reaffirms our full solidarity with Bahrain, Kuwait, and other neighboring countries that continue to be targeted.

We support negotiations between the United States and Iran and hope they can resume soon, leading to a credible, verifiable, sustainable, and durable peace. A negotiated outcome is the only path that addresses proliferation concerns, prevents further escalation, and contributes to regional stability. The preliminary agreement between the two countries should guide the steps ahead.

The objectives that underpinned the JCPOA remain valid: robust verification and monitoring, a pathway to sanctions relief, and support for regional de-escalation. Any future understanding must rest on full respect for international law, the UN Charter, the NPT, Iran's safeguards obligations, and the relevant Security Council Resolutions. It must deliver clear, verifiable, and lasting assurances to the international community.

In closing, Mr. President: restoring international peace and security -including maritime security, with full and unconditional return to the status quo ante in the Strait of Hormuz- demands that we safeguard the non-proliferation regime. Greece urges maximum restraint and calls for dialogue and diplomacy as a matter of urgency. The stakes for regional and international peace and security are too high for any other course.

I thank you.