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Thank you, Mr. President.

I would also like to thank Special Representative Miroslav Jenča for his briefing.

Colombia stands at an important political moment. Having concluded its presidential elections, a smooth and cooperative transition to the new administration is essential, in order to preserve the progress achieved under the Final Peace Agreement, and ensure continuity in the implementation of its commitments.

I would like to make the following three points today:

First, Greece commends the Colombian people and the Colombian authorities for the peaceful and well-run presidential elections process, and for the strong voter participation.

Second, nearly a decade after the Final Peace Agreement, we welcome the gradual progress achieved in its implementation, in particular regarding comprehensive rural reform and the reintegration of ex-combatants. We stress the need for it to be carried through fully and consistently.

These two elements of the Peace Agreement remain central to fostering economic growth, strengthening social cohesion, stabilizing conflict-affected areas, and consolidating lasting peace and security. This must apply evenly across all territories to avoid inequalities.

Third, the security situation in areas under the control of armed groups remains deeply concerning. Intensified by the use of explosive weapons and drones, the violence perpetrated by armed groups continues to affect civilians, resulting in killings, humanitarian crisis and displacement.

While we commend Colombia for its efforts to address violations against children, the persistent high number of grave violations committed against children by armed groups, particularly their recruitment and use, including through social media, remains alarming.

Equally troubling is the exposure of women and girls to conflict-related sexual violence in these areas.

Greece condemns the violence carried out by armed groups, and calls for the immediate end to their illicit activities. We will continue to support the Government's efforts to build on existing achievements and implement the Peace Agreement.

Mr. President,

In closing, Greece renews its strong support for the SRSG and the UN Verification Mission in Colombia in their efforts to contribute to lasting peace and security.

I thank you.