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Greece's Explanation of Vote delivered
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Thank you, Mr. President.

We also thank the United States for their efforts in this mandate. Greece voted in favour of the resolution before us. Our vote reflects, first and foremost, the need to ensure that the Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 can effectively discharge the responsibilities entrusted to it by this Council. For this, it must have the necessary institutional and technical tools at its disposal.

Central among these tools is a functioning Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1929. Without it, the Committee's capacity to perform its mandate and the Council's ability to oversee the implementation of its own decisions are diminished.

More broadly, the effectiveness and credibility of Security Council sanctions regimes depend on ensuring that the Council's subsidiary bodies have the tools necessary to fulfill their mandates. Security Council decisions must be implemented by all Member States. We therefore reiterate that the remaining operational arrangements of the Committee, including the appointment of a Chair, must be completed without further delay.

Mr. President,

At the same time, implementation and oversight mechanisms are neither an alternative to diplomacy, nor an end in themselves. They are only part of a broader effort aimed at achieving a diplomatic resolution of the Iran nuclear issue.

Greece reiterates that a comprehensive, verifiable and durable diplomatic solution remains the only sustainable path to addressing proliferation concerns and restoring regional stability.

I thank you.