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Excellencies,

I wish to thank the Special Representative of the Secretary General, Miroslav Jenča, for his briefing and I welcome the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, His Excellency, Mr. Omar Bula Escobar.

I would like to begin by congratulating the new Colombian Government on the beginning of its Administration. Greece remains committed to continue our close cooperation with the new government in the Security Council and at the bilateral level.

The arrival in office of the new Administration was marked by the devastating earthquake that shook Colombia in August, which claimed hundreds of lives and did serious damage to infrastructure. We convey our condolences to the relatives of the victims and we express our solidarity to all of those affected.

In light of all of these I would like to highlight the following three points today:

First, we reiterate our support for the peace process in Colombia and the Final Peace Agreement, which has contributed significantly to the country's stability and development. We acknowledge the Colombian Government's prioritization of security and stress the vital role of the Peace Agreement in enhancing security conditions in conflict-affected regions.

We welcome the Government's commitment to fulfilling its obligations under the Peace Agreement while recognizing Colombia's sovereign right to determine its implementation policies.

Close cooperation with the UN Verification Mission remains particularly valuable in this regard. We welcome the Government's continued openness to engaging with the Mission, especially given the latter's valuable contribution during the earthquake response, and stress that continued engagement can further enhance complementarity between their respective efforts.

Second, on the security front, we take note of the Government's firm stance against armed groups and its efforts to combat drug trafficking and illicit economies.

We condemn the violence perpetrated by armed groups, including the use of new technologies such as drone attacks and the exploitation of social media for the recruitment of children. We remain concerned about continued insecurity in conflict-affected regions and violence against social leaders, ethnic communities and former combatants.

At the same time, we underscore the paramount importance of protecting affected communities during security operations.

Third, we stress the importance of rural reform and the reintegration of ex-combatants, while ensuring security in areas still impacted by the presence of armed groups. This holistic approach to security in fact serves to strengthen State presence in conflict-affected regions. It also contributes to rural development and helps prevent armed groups from recruiting new members, particularly children.

We also welcome the issuance of the first restorative sentences by the Special Jurisdiction for Peace in Colombia, which provide meaningful redress to victims of the conflict.

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To conclude, I wish to reiterate Greece's steadfast support to Colombia and its quest for a peaceful and sustainable future. In addition, we reaffirm our support of the Special Representative of the Secretary General and to the UN's Verification Mission in Colombia. We remain committed to working in close cooperation with the other member of the Security Council to renew the Mission's mandate, always prioritizing the interest of the Colombian people.

Thank you very much.