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I wish to thank the Senior Representative, Ms. Yamashita, for her briefing. I welcome the presence at this meeting of His Excellency Mr. Rabea Saad Al-Adsani, Assistant Foreign Minister for Prisoners of War and Missing Affairs, and for the Permanent Representative of Iraq.

Colleagues,

More than three decades after the events concerned, the humanitarian imperative remains unchanged: the fate of every missing person must be clarified and their families deserve answers.

It is in this spirit that Greece supported the adoption of Resolution 2792 (2025), recognizing the importance of sustained international engagement in addressing this longstanding humanitarian issue.

As this is the first briefing of the Security Council on this issue since the adoption of the Resolution, we welcome the continued engagement of Iraq and Kuwait, with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

We underscore the importance of translating the commitments reflected in the Resolution into tangible progress, with the Senior Representative, the Tripartite Commission and its Technical Subcommittee playing an essential role in advancing cooperation and building confidence.

Regrettably, no new identifications were made during the reporting period and 315 Kuwaiti and third-country nationals remain unaccounted for. This underscores the urgency of intensifying efforts. With the passage of time, the pool of witnesses with first-hand knowledge continues to shrink, while changing conditions at sites of interest further complicate recovery efforts. These challenges make sustained political commitment, mutual trust and the systematic pursuit of all available leads more critical than ever.

Greece encourages efforts to identify and engage individuals who may possess relevant information, and to ensure that potential leads are followed up in a timely and systematic manner. At the same time, it is essential that witnesses feel safe to come forward and that their security is duly protected.

We further recall the training workshop for Iraqi and Kuwaiti experts and decision-makers hosted in Nicosia in 2024 by the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus. This initiative

illustrates how the exchange of expertise and technical know-how can contribute to strengthening national capacities and advancing humanitarian objectives.

Turning to the issue of missing Kuwaiti property, including the national archives, we regret the continued lack of progress. We encourage Iraq and Kuwait to reactivate their joint committee and restore this important channel for dialogue and practical cooperation.

Ultimately, colleagues, the success of our collective efforts will be measured by the answers we are able to provide to the families who have waited for far too long. Greece calls on all parties to maintain their commitment, deepen their cooperation and pursue every credible lead.

The adoption of resolution 2792 (2025) provided renewed impetus; it is now essential that this momentum translates into tangible results.

I thank you.