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I would like to thank the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Ms. Tetteh, for her comprehensive briefing and for her continued efforts to advance the political process in Libya. We also welcome the participation of the Permanent Representative of Libya at today's meeting.

Greece attaches great importance to Libya's stability, security and prosperity, and remains committed to supporting the Libyan people in their efforts to overcome political divisions and strengthen unified national institutions. A stable and sovereign Libya is essential not only for its people, but also for peace and security in our wider region.

Recent political developments, including those concerning the leadership of the House of Representatives, may provide an opportunity to advance the UN facilitated political roadmap towards unified national institutions and elections through constructive engagement by all Libyan stakeholders.

In this regard, we welcome the agreement reached by the Smaller Convening on 30 August as an important step towards addressing outstanding electoral arrangements and advancing the political process. Its effective implementation is now essential. We call on all relevant institutions to resolve remaining differences through dialogue and ensure that the necessary legal and institutional steps are completed.

The objective must remain the creation of the conditions for free, fair, transparent, inclusive and credible presidential and parliamentary elections, bringing an end to Libya's prolonged transitional period.

The United Nations-led process remains the most credible framework for achieving this objective. As the Security Council considers the renewal of UNSMIL's mandate, we reiterate our strong support for the Mission and the Special Representative's efforts to facilitate a genuinely Libyan-led and Libyan-owned political process.

The continued engagement of UNSMIL remains essential to sustaining momentum, bridging differences among Libyan stakeholders and supporting progress towards elections and unified institutions. We also welcome efforts to translate the recommendations of the Structured Dialogue into concrete action and broader national consensus.

Political progress must be accompanied by institutional and economic reunification. We welcome steps towards implementing a unified national budget and encourage continued efforts to ensure transparency, accountability and the effective management of Libya's national resources.

We also welcome cooperation between Libyan security institutions across the country. Recent initiatives aimed at strengthening coordination between eastern and western security actors are encouraging and should contribute to the longer-term establishment of unified, effective and accountable national security institutions.

At the same time, recent violence, including clashes in the Zawiya area and attacks affecting critical infrastructure, underscores the fragility of the security environment. The protection of civilians and vital national infrastructure must remain a priority.

We further stress the need for tangible progress towards the withdrawal of all foreign forces, foreign fighters and mercenaries from Libya, in accordance with relevant Security Council resolutions. Libya's sovereignty, independence, unity and territorial integrity must be fully respected, and external interference must cease.

We reiterate that Libya's relations with its neighbours must be guided by good-neighborly relations and full respect for international law, including the law of the sea.

Migration and refugee movements remain a major regional concern. Greece will continue to engage constructively with Libya and international partners to combat trafficking and smuggling and address irregular migration, while ensuring full respect for international law and the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees.

We look forward to the effective and consistent implementation of the Implementation Assistance Notice concerning paragraph 14 of Resolution 2769, which should provide greater legal clarity; facilitate the proper administration and reinvestment of eligible Libyan Investment Authority funds; help address instances of over-compliance; and fully preserve the integrity of the sanctions regime.

In conclusion,

Libya has an opportunity to translate recent political understandings into concrete progress. This requires sustained political will, compromise, inclusive dialogue and Libyan ownership, with the United Nations playing its central facilitating role.

Greece will continue to support a sovereign, unified and stable Libya, free from external interference, with effective national institutions exercising authority throughout its territory and contributing to peace, security and prosperity across our shared Mediterranean region.

I thank you.