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Madame President,

I would like to thank you for your briefing as Acting Chair of the 1267, 1373 and 1540 Committees. Since this is the last meeting on the subject before the end of our term in the Security Council, I would like to express my appreciation for the efforts undertaken these last two years in the Council in the fight against terrorism.

Terrorist networks demonstrate a growing capacity to expand, adapt and exploit regional instability, governance gaps, as well as communication and emerging technologies for radicalization and recruitment. Addressing these challenges requires strengthened national capacities, effective intelligence-sharing, and enhanced international and regional cooperation.

Greece commends the work of the 1267 Committee, supported by the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team and the Office of the Ombudsperson, in safeguarding the effectiveness of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida sanctions regime.

The Monitoring Team's latest report highlights the persistent terrorist threat, particularly in the Sahel and South Asia, as well as the expansion of terrorist affiliates across Africa and the resilience of ISIL-K.

Against this backdrop, we stress the importance of effective sanctions implementation, timely and evidence-based designations, and greater financial transparency. The credibility of the sanctions regime must also rely on robust due-process safeguards, the indispensable role of the Ombudsperson and the consistent implementation of humanitarian exemptions.

Similarly, Greece recognizes the substantial work of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and its Executive Directorate (CTED) in supporting Member States in preventing and responding to evolving terrorist threats.

As we mark the 25th anniversary of SC Resolution 1373 (2001), we reaffirm the continued relevance of its provisions to strengthen the international counter-terrorism framework. CTED has an essential role to play in identifying capacity gaps, facilitating the exchange of good practices and supporting targeted technical assistance to strengthen Member States' response capabilities.

We particularly underline the importance of addressing the nexus between maritime security and counter-terrorism efforts within the Committee's work. Maritime routes, critical infrastructure and shipping networks remain vulnerable to exploitation for terrorist financing and trafficking. Strengthening maritime domain awareness, intelligence-sharing and cooperation among national authorities is therefore essential.

Finally, Greece further reaffirms its commitment to the effective and universal implementation of SC Resolution 1540 (2004), which seeks to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery to non-state actors, including for terrorist purposes. Strengthening its role within the international disarmament and non-proliferation architecture is indispensable.

The 1540 Committee's support structure, including its Secretariat and its Group of Experts, constitutes an essential component for effectively fulfilling its mandate. It is important to ensure that the Committee's Group of Experts works efficiently, including through the filling of vacancies within the Group, without further delay, as well as through the appointment of the Coordinator of the Group for next year. These actions are essential to ensure an effective and fruitful conclusion of the 2027 comprehensive Review of the 1540 Resolution.

Madame President,

All three committees attempt to tackle the problem of terrorism from different angles; the proliferation of terrorist networks, activities, means of finance and diversion risks. Maintaining consensus and political will, both at national and international level, remains key as well as constant updating of current institutional structures and regimes. Greece will continue to do its part for the remaining time, and beyond its Security Council term.

I thank you.