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Mr. Chair,

In addition to EU statement, Greece has the following remarks.

My country supports the regional cooperation in the field of disarmament and security, as an effective step toward the fulfilment of the goal of general and complete disarmament on a global level.

Developments in the Eastern Mediterranean have created a new reality in our region. Greece has demonstrated its readiness to cooperate on a bilateral level with all countries of the region with the intention to defuse tensions and enhance peace, security and stability.

In this vein, Greece contributed to this year's Report of the Secretary General on "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region" and is ready to support the relevant Resolution under the same topic.

Greece has sought to strengthen cooperation in trilateral or enhanced formats, demonstrating dedication and commitment to addressing rapidly changing dynamics in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East and to foster a more stable, integrated and prosperous region. These platforms have already promoted and have great potential to further advance long-term collaborations in a diverse range of fields, such as cybersecurity, innovation, and civil and environmental protection, contributing to peace and stability in the region.

Greece will continue to upgrade, expand and deepen this regional cooperation architecture towards advancing common interests and fostering a more connected and resilient community in the Eastern Mediterranean and the broader Middle East.

Mr. Chair,

Risks to maritime security have multiplied and new threats have emerged, undermining freedom of navigation and the safety of maritime infrastructure, with serious destabilizing effects impacting international peace and security.

Greece has consistently and responsibly exercised its sovereign rights in its maritime areas in accordance with the international law of the sea, as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the

Law of the Sea, abstaining from activities that could exacerbate tensions and jeopardize regional peace and security.

In its capacity as the rotating President of the Security Council in May 2025, Greece held a high-level open debate, providing an opportunity for Member States to engage in a strategic dialogue on strengthening international efforts to counter maritime security threats in a holistic way.

We encourage further multilateral exchanges on the issue of maritime security, within UN bodies, including the First Committee and the Security Council.

Mr. Chair,

Greece recognizes the important work of the United Nations Regional Centers for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, in Asia and the Pacific, as well as in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We commend the valuable work of the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearing House for the Control on SALW (SEESAC). Finally, we reiterate our support to the implementation of the Western Balkans Small Arms and Light Weapons Control Roadmap.

I thank you