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**Statement of the Permanent Representative of Greece,
Ambassador Mr. Evangelos Sekeris**

Mr. Chair,

- On the outset, allow me to congratulate you on organizing this open briefing, as an important platform for enhancing dialogue with Member States on the implementation of the Resolution 1540 (2004).
- The struggle against terrorism, a plague of the modern world, constitutes today, more than ever, a priority for all responsible members of the international community, including my country.
- Greece unequivocally condemns all terrorist acts as criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, form or manifestation.



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- We firmly believe that it is crucial to maintain and enhance the international cooperation on this matter.
- In this vein, we have sided up with the international efforts against terrorism, under the leadership of the United Nations.
- My country is consistently engaging in various international fora, towards the goal of combating terrorism. To mention some of the most important, Greece participates to the core Group of **the Proliferation Security Initiative/PSI** (Operations & Experts Group/ PSI OEG-Group). Greece is also a member of the **Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)**.
- Furthermore, Greece as an EU Member State implements the **EU's internal Action Plan on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Security**. This all-hazards approach has also a global component: The CBRN Centres of Excellence Initiative, that contributes to capacity building, particularly for countries in the regions of Africa and the Middle East, against the proliferation of Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear materials.
- We support and remain fully committed to the implementation of all relevant UNSC Resolutions, and particularly the Resolutions 1267 (1999), 1373 (2001) as well as 1540 (2004) regarding the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- Greece firmly believes that counter-terrorism activities ought to be in conformity with the UN Charter and the International Law,



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especially the International Humanitarian Law and human rights law.

Mr. Chair,

- Allow me to conclude by recalling that during its previous participation at the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member (period 2005-2006), Greece held the vice-chairmanship of the then ad hoc Counter-Terrorism Committee. As an incoming member of the Security Council for the period 2025 – 2026, Greece is ready to contribute once more to the efforts of the Council, to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including in the realm of the Weapons of Mass Destruction, within the context of the 1540 Committee.
- I Thank you