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Mr. Chair,

Greece fully aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and wishes to add the following remarks in a national capacity.

Greece actively supports the regional cooperation in the field of disarmament and security, as an effective step to the fulfilment of the goal of general and complete disarmament on a global level. In this vein, my country 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. In addition, we express our support to agreements and partnerships for non-proliferation, disarmament, and confidence-building measures at the regional and subregional levels.

Moreover, my country is concerned of the diversion, illicit trade and unauthorised use of conventional arms, and especially small arms and light weapons (SALW) and their related ammunition and underlines the importance of regional and international initiatives for preventing and controlling such activities. Furthermore, we are an active member of the Group of Friends of Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration of former combatants (DDR), following closely and supporting the relevant activities of the UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO)

Mr. Chair,

Being aware of the challenges in the Eastern Mediterranean region and the wider Middle East, Greece is steadily seeking to consolidate a regional security framework, primarily through dialogue and cooperation. To this end, we are always willing to encourage and promote multilateral cooperation and joint actions in the region, with countries distinguished by their adherence to International Law.

Since 2013, Greece has created a network of tripartite and multilateral cooperation mechanisms in the region, with ever-increasing momentum. Within these cooperation schemes, dynamic synergies have been created in various sectors, such as digital technology, cyber security, innovation, energy, water resources management,

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environment, tackling marine pollution, agriculture, telecommunications, investment promotion, tourism, etc. We look forward to expanding the already established schemes with the participation of other countries, with which we share common principles and values.

Having this in mind, Greece is ready to support and this year the draft Resolution under the title ““Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region”.

Mr. Chair,

Allow me to conclude by reiterating my country’s firm belief that only a process of regional dialogue will allow the countries and the peoples of the Mediterranean and the wider Middle East to coexist and thrive, amidst conditions of peace, stability, security, economic and social development.

I thank you