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VERBAL NOTE

RE: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON MEASURES TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

CONTRIBUTION

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and, with reference to Verbal Note LAVCOD/11/1, dated 8.1.2019, would like to submit the following information:

- Greece wishes to reiterate its support to the global fight against terrorism and active participation in the relevant activities of international organizations and mechanisms.
- There is standing cooperation among the Greek authorities assigned with prevention, law enforcement and fight against terrorism, as well as constant contacts and information exchange with INTERPOL, EUROPOL and its equivalent as well as with the international community on foreign fighters' movement.
- Greece follows the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, and in this respect has taken relevant legislative measures. Thus, Greece has not only ratified the vast majority of the Conventions against terrorism, but also updates and harmonizes its legislative framework in compliance with European Union and Council of Europe obligations and engagements.

Concerning latest developments, we would like to submit the following information:

- The Hellenic Anti-Money Laundering Authority's operation, issues, composition and competencies are set out by Law 4557/2018, as follows:

The Authority is administratively and operationally independent and constitutes an agency aiming at combatting the legalization of proceeds from terrorism financing as well as the investigation of source of funds and sustainability of fiscal and financial stability.

The Authority is structured into three (3) independent units with separate responsibilities, staff and infrastructure, as follows:

- Unit A: Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- Unit B: Financial Crime Investigation Unit (FCIU)
- Unit C: Source of Funds Investigation Unit (SFIU)

One of the core missions of the Authority, according to Law 4557/2018 as in force, is the collection, the investigation and the confirmation of suspicious transactions conveyed to it by the obligated legal entities and natural persons and information related to the offences.

In addition, the Authority is responsible for the implementation of the UN Security Council and EU Sanctions (freezing of assets), especially those related to terrorism and terrorism financing, of legal persons or entities related to terrorism. The persons or entities included in this list are subjected to freezing of their assets and funds.

