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Statement

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Briefer:

Zahir Tanin, Special Representative & the Head of the UN Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK)

Thank you Mr. President

We thank SRSG Tanin for his valuable updates, for the continued cooperation with the Security Council, and for presenting the comprehensive report of the Secretary General on the activities of UNMIK. We welcome all distinguished representatives to this virtual meeting.

We begin by acknowledging all efforts aimed at responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to have far-reaching consequences for international peace and security. This response must be collaborative, and in this regard, we encourage all states, and multilateral organs and agencies to engage constructively with each other.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines emphasizes the need for good-faith commitment between both parties to a peaceful political solution and, in this regard, urge parties to utilize the tools of diplomacy, including dialogue, mediation, political negotiations, and other peaceful means.

We take this time to condemn the incidents targeting religious sites and cemeteries, as mentioned in the SG's Report. These actions prevent the creation and maintenance of an environment conducive to stability and progress.

We underscore the significance of women's participation in the peace process and commend UNMIK's work in helping advance women's political participation.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines commends UNMIK's efforts in promoting security and stability in Kosovo and welcome all its initiatives to this end, which include engagement with youth and implementation of the UN Trust-building Forum (2018). We also acknowledge UNMIK's close cooperation with UNHCR and domestic bodies, as it discharges its mandate.

As we conclude, we note (with concern) the challenging political situation in Kosovo and hope for a peaceful and workable solution. *Thank you*

