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**Statement**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines thanks the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), Mr. Zahir Tanin, for his comprehensive briefing and for the commendable work that his office continues to do in promoting security, stability, and respect for human rights in Kosovo and the region.

We believe that UNMIK and the UN Kosovo Team continue to play a vital role in Kosovo by addressing the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic through the adaptation of their programmatic activities. In this regard, we commend the Mission for implementing such initiatives to support the needs of the people of Kosovo, especially those in vulnerable communities.

My delegation reiterates the importance of encouraging the full, equal, and meaningful participation of women in all segments of the political process. We are pleased with the high level of participation of women and youth in the recent elections and the increased proportion of women deputies in numbers that exceed the established 30 per cent quota.

Further, the normalization of relations between Belgrade and Pristina is critical for stability in the region. We, therefore, encourage the parties to resume talks under the EU-facilitated dialogue and constructively implement existing agreements. We underscore the importance of strengthening the rule of law, and we encourage efforts in Kosovo to fight against corruption and organised crime and promote socio-economic development.

As we conclude, we reiterate our support to Mr. Tanin and his team for their efforts in promoting a safe and secure environment in Kosovo. We encourage the recently elected authorities in Kosovo

to make full use of the opportunity to address the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, socio-economic development, and to engage fully in the EU-facilitated dialogue.

Thank you.