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Statement

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines thanks the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Mr. Josep Borrell, for his comprehensive briefing.

The cooperation between the United Nations and the European Union (EU) strengthens both organizations and allows for a more coordinated approach to address key issues affecting Europe, its neighbors and the global community. Regional and sub-regional groups have a critical role to play as contemporary peace and security issues become more globalized. It is only through a multi-stakeholder approach that we can hope to address longstanding challenges such as climate and security, the proliferation of terrorism, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Our delegation supports collaboration between the United Nations and the European Union. The European Union has been an essential partner in addressing the global effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, we applaud the European Union's contributions to the COVAX facility as we push to ensure equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. We must continue to support such efforts as we build back better.

Europe, like most locales around the world, has experienced the ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many European countries were hard hit by coronavirus, experiencing high infection rates and fatalities. A coordinated approach to the post-pandemic recovery will be critical. The European Unions' Next Generation EU plan creates an opportunity to usher EU Member States into a more sustainable future by rethinking financing, enhancing food security, addressing inequality, and pushing for a more circular economy.

The coordination between the UN and EU continues to be invaluable in promoting global peace and security, especially on issues like the fight against terrorism and pursuing peaceful resolutions

of conflicts. The UN and the EU continue to work closely together on several issues on the Council's agenda, including through the Framework Agreement for the Provision of Mutual Support in the context of their respective missions and operations in the field", which was signed last September. This framework underscores the value of enhancing complementarity between the two organizations.

Mr. President,

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, as a member of CARICOM, recognizes the vital role of regional and sub-regional organizations in promoting economic integration and social development. Organizations, such as, the European Union, CARICOM, the African Union and ASEAN, utilize key partnerships with national governments and other local actors to better address peace and security challenges. The EU, through its member states, has a significant presence on the Security Council and is a feature in the peace and security landscape across all regions. We particularly value the EU's cooperation on matters affecting conflict in Africa, where we pursue African solutions for African problems. It follows that when Africa speaks, we should all listen.

Looking ahead, we hope for concrete progress with our EU partners on issues such as unilateral coercive measures that oftentimes do far more harm than good as well as the reversal of unfair financial blacklisting practices that hurt developing economies.

We conclude by reiterating our full support to further enhance the cooperation between the United Nations and regional and sub-regional organizations in line with Chapter VIII of the UN Charter. Such cooperation remains essential for delivering the Council's mandate for maintaining international peace and security.

Thank you.