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Statement

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We begin by extending our gratitude to the Chair for convening this timely high-level meeting, and thank His Excellency the Prime Minister of Central African Republic and other briefers for their insightful remarks. I wish to align with the remarks delivered by the distinguished DPR of Kenya this morning. And I will add:

Peace and stability in the Central African Republic is not attainable unless the root, and proximate, causes and drivers of violence are sufficiently addressed. To this end, we recognize that the cross-pillar mandate of the Peace Building Commission and its advisory role place this configuration in a unique position to advance sustainable peace in the Central African Republic. It is in this vein that we advocate for sustained, but also strengthened, coordination and interaction between the PBC and the Security Council.

We also recognise MINUSCA's key role in providing the necessary support to the Government in its efforts towards peace and security, including the timely holding of elections and the strengthening of the rule of law and accountability mechanisms.

To do so successfully, MINUSCA needs resources including additional troops, as outlined by SRSG Ndiaye at the recent UN Security Council briefing on the Central African Republic. We also note the importance of internal mechanisms that allow for the mission's optimal functioning, which include a responsive accountability framework that prevents sexual exploitation and abuse.

Before concluding, we take this opportunity to recognise the progress that has been made by the government of the Central African Republic, including the President's unilateral ceasefire announcement. If concrete action ensues, this will contribute to creating a conducive environment for the holding of the Republican Dialogue, which presents a critical opportunity for the country to advance its peace efforts. We underscore that the success of this dialogue is dependent on three pillars: inclusivity, mutual trust and transparency. It is essential that regional stakeholders and the international community assist the government in safeguarding these critical elements.

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines remains committed to the work of the PBC and will maintain its active engagement in this configuration to support the Central African Republic's efforts towards sustainable peace, development and prosperity.

Thank you.