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Greece is the birthplace of European civilisation and democracy. Due to its close situation to the Levant and Palestine, Greece is inevitably affected by instability in the Middle East, often through the movement of refugees and (illegal) immigration. Greece strongly supports the European Union's multilateral efforts at ensuring global peace and stability. However, it also acknowledges that this same multilateralism can hinder the EU's ability to react decisively in crisis situations.

Greece believes that one of the best ways of ensuring European stability is through the creation of a European defence policy independent of NATO, allowing Europe to act when and where the United States decides not to.

Greece encourages a pacifist, preventative approach to peace and stability, including through the provision of financial aid to the developing world. Greece has already shown its motivation to do so through its "HELLENIC AID" programme.

Greece believes that military capabilities are essential for combatting many of the conflicts that lead to global instability. That is why the Greek government has exceeded the Wales Summit Pledge of 2% of GDP on defence spending and encourages all other NATO members to do the same.

Concerning the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2022 and the ensuing conflict, Greece supports the accession of Ukraine to NATO and the EU and is in favour of continued military support for Ukraine.

In light of the recent war in Gaza, Greece reiterates that it believes in the existence of a Palestinian state and believes that Israel's military action in the Gaza strip is disproportionate and inhumane.

In conclusion, Greece believes that investing in multilateral institutions on the one hand and military capabilities on the other is necessary to ensure peace and stability in an increasing fractious world.