



# CZECH REPUBLIC

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Mr. Chair,

Czechia aligns itself with the EU statement.

We would like to underline our strong support for the UN human rights system and its mechanisms. They play a key role in the efforts of the international community to promote and protect human rights in all corners of the world. However, Czechia voted against the establishment of the Commission of Inquiry. We did so due to our serious concerns about the broad and open-ended mandate and permanent nature of the Commission and those concerns remain valid.

Moreover, we were shocked by a recent media interview in which one of the members of the commission used terms such as “Jewish Lobby” and questioned Israel’s UN membership. We strongly reject any form of antisemitism. Such comments contribute to the polarization of the situation and threaten to undermine the impartiality of the UN human rights mechanisms.

We remain committed to just and comprehensive resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, based on the two-state solution with the State of Israel and an independent, democratic, contiguous, sovereign, and viable State of Palestine, living side-by-side in peace and security and mutual recognition, and with Jerusalem serving as the future capital of both states.

I thank you.