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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic aligns with the statement made on behalf of the European Union and welcomes the presentation of the Independent Expert.

We are highly appreciative of the important work of the Independent Expert in monitoring and reporting on disturbing human rights and humanitarian situation in the country and have some additional remarks.

We are particularly concerned by reports of the significant increase in human rights violations and abuses and excessive use of force committed by all perpetrators, including armed groups, national defence and internal security forces. The Czech Republic stresses in this respect the importance of joint efforts of the United Nations and international partners with CAR authorities to ensure that all parties to the conflict abide by applicable international humanitarian and human rights law and that all violators are held accountable.

We remain deeply concerned about the acute humanitarian situation in the Central African Republic, particularly with a significant increase in people requiring protection and assistance amid the ongoing violence and the COVID-19 pandemic. Ensuring the full, safe and unhindered access of humanitarian personnel and the delivery of humanitarian assistance remains a priority.

*Given the numerous challenges facing the Government of Central African Republic, we would welcome the Independent Expert’s views on which areas would he prioritise?*

Thank you.