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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr President,

We align ourselves with the EU statement.

The Czech Republic is linked to Ethiopia by deep historical ties. It is our priority for the development cooperation. We express our serious concern for the human rights and humanitarian situation in the country and we reiterate our commitment to stability, unity and territorial integrity of Ethiopia.

Human rights in Ethiopia should remain our main focus of attention, with concrete measures to establish full accountability, including redress, for violations committed in conflict in Tigray. The UN Human Rights Council has already taken significant action to bring the human rights violations committed in Ethiopia to light through its joint investigation with the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission and through the appointment of the International Human Rights Experts to complement national efforts. Unfortunately, their reports of wide-scale human rights violations and obstructions to humanitarian aid present evidence, that the human rights situation in Ethiopia remains very grave.

We welcome positive steps taken by the Ethiopian Government, but more is needed. We encourage all parties to cooperate with the International Human Rights Experts and the Government to advance its implementation of recommendations of the Joint Investigation by the OHCHR and the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission.

Thank you.