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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr. President,

The Czech Republic aligns itself with the statement on behalf of the European Union.

We thank the High Commissioner for his oral update and look forward to a written report at the next session. We, too, welcome the update of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Libya.

The Czech Republic supports the OHCHR close cooperation with the UN Support Mission in Libya in providing a coordinated human rights technical assistance.

As Libya continues to be beset by violence and impunity, reports on human rights violations and abuses and serious violations of international humanitarian law by all parties remain to be extremely disturbing: civilians have been attacked, killed and abducted on account of their origins, religion, or political views; many live in dire conditions in detention centres where torture, sexual and gender based violence have been reported.

While recognizing the difficult security and political circumstances, the ongoing human rights challenges in Libya are of a great concern. We therefore encourage further efforts to protect and promote human rights, respect the international humanitarian law and prevent any violations or abuses. We call upon the Government of Libya to fully cooperate with the International Criminal Court.

While progress is being made in the fight against the local offshoot of the so-called Islamic State and the terror it embodies, the political divisions underlying the intra-Libyan conflict are deepening. We thus support all efforts to ensure an inclusive and sustainable democratic transition and underscore the importance of a full and equal participation of all parts of society, including women. We, too, emphasize the necessity of establishing the rule of law, due process and access to justice and welcome that a discussion on national reconciliation has started.

Finally, we condemn all violations and abuses committed against journalists, media activists and human rights defenders, whose role in documenting violations and abuses is extremely valuable.

Thank you.