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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Madame President,

The Czech Republic supports the statement delivered on behalf of the European Union.

We thank the members of the Fact-Finding Mission for their Report and we welcome the positive engagement of the Government of National Unity and its authorities with the Mission.

The Czech Republic supports the extension of the Mission’s mandate. We invite the Libyan authorities to further strengthen their cooperation with the Mission in order to avoid delays with the administrative procedures. Furthermore, we recall that some of the Mission’s requests for visits of detention places were unanswered. According to the Mission’s mandate, access to all places and persons should be granted. No reprisals should occur towards persons cooperating with the Mission.

The Czech Republic supports the upcoming Libyan general election scheduled for 24 December 2021. We expect these elections to be organized in accordance with the international democratic standards and with the presence of credible international election observation missions.

On the other hand, the Czech Republic is deeply concerned by the enforced disappearances described in the Report. We strongly encourage these cases to be investigated by relevant authorities, missing persons to be released, those responsible to be held accountable and compensation for victims to be established. Moreover, we suggest that a legitimate Libyan government arisen from December general election should ratify the UN Enforced Disappearance Convention.

Thank you.