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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

Mr. President,

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 welcome positive engagement of the Government of Libya with the Mission.

We support the extension of the Mission’s mandate. While we would have preferred an extension by one year we can accept the proposed extension by nine months.

We are severely concerned by repeatedly postponed general elections. We call on the Government of Libya to declare elections as soon as possible. Elections must be organized in accordance with the international democratic standards *and with the presence of credible international election observation missions.*

We are also deeply concerned with the conditions in detention centres, including those intended for migrants and refugees, such as Bani Walid. In this respect, we regret 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.

We pay particular attention to human rights violations against women and girls who are under constant threat of being sexually harassed, abused, raped, beaten and murdered, as stated in the report.

We call on the Government of Libya to swiftly implement Fact Finding missions’ recommendations as listed in para 111 of the report.

Thank you.