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Statement by the Micronesian Delegation

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Thank you, Chair,

Micronesia's statement today echoes concerns raised last year when the report of the same Commission was presented to Third Committee.

First, I wish to unequivocally condemn the abhorrent attack by the terrorist organization Hamas on civilians in Israel.

Chair,

The unprecedented nature of the Commission of Inquiry and the disproportionate focus on the State of Israel clearly demonstrates an obsession - one that targets and singles out Israel and ignores entirely the instigation of Hamas and other terrorist groups and their role in the conflict. The anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias expressed by members of the Commission are irresponsible and unacceptable, they run counter to the impartial and independent role expected of members of the Commission.

The United Nations must remain objective and impartial in its work to find lasting peace in the region.

I thank you.