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The United States strongly opposes the renewal of Francesca Albanese's appointment as "UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967." For the past three years, Ms. Albanese has engaged in virulent antisemitism and support for terrorism, which must be condemned. Her actions have flagrantly violated the code of conduct for Special Rapporteurs and have brought further disgrace to the United Nations. The United States has never supported her mandate, and we seek her termination and immediate removal. The United States calls on you directly to condemn Ms. Albanese and publicly call for her removal. Ms. Albanese's reappointment would send a clear message that the UN System tolerates antisemitic hatred and support for terrorism.

Ms. Albanese is and has been persistently non-compliant with the code of conduct for Special Procedures and has used her UN-affiliated platform to demonize Israel, a UN Member State, and disseminate antisemitic hate speech and false information. Her pattern of reprehensible antisemitic comments makes her wholly unfit for any position within the UN system. Ms. Albanese's tenure has been marked by a series of actions and statements that clearly prove that she has neither the impartiality nor the credibility required to hold this position. She repeatedly uses antisemitic tropes in social media posts online and comments legitimizing

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Palestinian acts of violence and terrorism. In one of many examples, Ms. Albanese compared Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler in an X post when he addressed the U.S. Congress in July 2024 and called for Israel to be removed from the United Nations. In November 2022, she addressed a Hamas-organized conference in Gaza, saying, "you have the right to resist this occupation."

Ms. Albanese has refused to acknowledge Israeli suffering in the wake of the October 7 attacks by Hamas terrorists, instead vilely stating this abhorrent terrorist attack and its violence "must be put into context," placing blame for Hamas' terrorism on its victim, Israel. She also objected to comments by French President Emmanuel Macron, which accurately described the October 7 attack as the "largest antisemitic massacre of our century." Ms. Albanese drew international condemnation for her response that the victims of October 7 were murdered "in response to Israel's oppression."

There is no doubt that Albanese's comments and statements violate the code of conduct, which states that special procedures mandate holders should be "independent," "impartial," and "objective." There is no place for her inflammatory rhetoric, antisemitism, anti-Israel bias, and support for terrorism in the UN or any international body.

The renewal of Ms. Albanese's appointment would demonstrate a disregard for these rules and bring further disrepute. Ms. Albanese's conduct is also a clear example of why President Trump has ordered that the United States will not participate in the Human Rights Council, which is rife with antisemitism and anti-Israel bias.

We urge you to take immediate action to prevent Ms. Albanese's re-appointment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. The United States expects clear and decisive action to address this concern and uphold the United Nations' stated principles.