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GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

GENERAL STATEMENT ON THE 'PALESTINIAN PACKAGE': AFTER ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS UNDER THE "UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST" AND "ISRAELI PRACTICES AND ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ACTIVITIES AFFECTING THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER ARABS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES" AGENDA ITEMS

STATEMENT BY MYRIAM OEHRI, DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

Madam Chair,

Thank you for giving me the floor. Liechtenstein has decided to maintain its voting position from last year on the texts just adopted by the committee. We appreciate that the texts have been put forward as a 'technical rollover', in the spirit of diplomatic cooperation and for the sake of the efficiency of our proceedings and acknowledge the spirit of compromise behind this decision. We also acknowledge that, as a result, the texts do not reflect or address the developments that have taken place in Israel and Palestine since 7 October. in this regard, we refer to our previous statements on the topic, notably in the resumed Emergency Special Session of the General Assembly that met last month, as well as in the open debate of the UN Security Council on 24 October. In particular we reiterate our condemnation in the strongest possible terms of the terrorist attack by Hamas on 7 October, and affirm the right of Israel to defend itself in accordance with international law and international humanitarian law, in particular the principles of proportionality and distinction. We furthermore join again the call for the immediate and unconditional release of all hostages.

I thank you.