US envoy ‘appalled’ by UN Palestinian rights official’s antisemitic comments

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The US Permanent Representative to the United Nations Human Rights Council condemns antisemitic comments by a UN investigator that were first reported by The Times of Israel.

The UN Human Rights Council’s special rapporteur into the Palestinian territory, Francesca Albanese, said in 2014 that the “Jewish lobby” was in control of the US, among other antisemitic comments.

“We are appalled by recently uncovered antisemitic remarks on social media made by a UN Human Rights Special Rapporteur before taking on the role,” says US Ambassador Michèle Taylor.

“References to the ‘Jewish Lobby’ are an age-old trope; this is outrageous, inappropriate, corrosive, & degrades the value of the UN,” she says.

The Human Rights Council has not responded to a request for comment.