Comments by the Spokesperson for the United Nations Secretary-General Regarding Remarks By Miloon Kothari

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The following is a near-verbatim transcript of today’s noon briefing by Stéphane Dujarric, Spokesman for the Secretary-General.
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\*\*Commission of Inquiry

I was asked today about comments, recent comments made by a member of the Commission of Inquiry from the Human Rights Council on Israel and Palestine. I can tell you… to remind you that the Secretary-General has no authority over the Commission of Inquiry, whose members are appointed by the Human Rights Council. However, he has always been extremely clear in saying that there is no room for anti-Semitism in the work of the UN. Second, Israel is unquestionably a Member State of the United Nations, with the same rights and responsibilities as the other 192 countries that make up this organization.