**Declaration on the decision of the International Criminal Court**

President of the Czech Republic

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The President of the Czech Republic Mr. Miloš Zeman has been informed about the decision of the International Criminal Court of 5 February 2021, according to which the ICC can judge alleged war crimes committed in the Palestinian territories. However, Palestine is not internationally recognized as a state. The two-state solution must be achieved through a dialogue between the two parties, not by a court decision! The Czech Republic is a long-term supporter of the goals and values of the International Criminal Court. However, justice requires strict adherence to international law, incl. the Rome Statute. Unfortunately, the court has only ultimately restricted the right of Israeli democracy to defend itself against terrorism.

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