Senators Portman, Cardin Statement on the Recent Report from the United Nations Human Rights Council’s Commission of Inquiry Showing Clear Anti-Israel Bias

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 Today, U.S. Senators Rob Portman (R-OH) and Ben Cardin (D-MD) released the following statement in response to the second report from the United Nations Human Rights Council’s Commission of Inquiry (COI) into the human rights implications of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the first to be submitted to the UN General Assembly:

*“This report from the Commission of Inquiry is as unsurprising as it is distorted and incomplete,”***said the senators***. “The COI once again attacks Israel, while ignoring the continuing violence committed by Hamas and other Palestinian terror groups. Sadly, this one-sided reporting from the COI was entirely predictable, as members of the commission have a history of anti-Israel statements. We continue to call for the dissolution of this ill-considered commission so that the UN’s Human Rights Council can focus on the many situations around the world that warrant examination in an even-handed way.”*

In March of this year, the senators led a group of 68 of their colleagues in a [letter](https://www.portman.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/portman-and-cardin-lead-68-senators-letter-secretary-blinken-prioritize) to Secretary of State Antony Blinken urging him to prioritize ending the COI. As they said in that letter,

*“By unfairly singling out Israel, the UNHRC undermines its credibility to investigate human rights violations around the world.”*

*“The COI is the latest endeavor by UNHRC to discredit the only Jewish state and is likely to further fuel antisemitism worldwide.”*