**President Rivlin comments on the International Criminal Court decision**

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President Rivlin: The International Criminal Court decision to commence investigations against the State of Israel is scandalous. We will not accept claims against the exercise of our right and our obligation to defend our citizens.

(Communicated by the President’s Spokesperson)

President Reuven Rivlin today (Wednesday, March 3, 2021) commented on the decision of the International Criminal Court:

"The decision of the International Criminal Court at the Hague to commence investigations against the State of Israel is scandalous.

“We will not accept claims against the exercise of our right and our obligation to defend our citizens. The State of Israel is a strong, Jewish and democratic state which knows how to defend itself and to investigate itself when necessary.

“We are proud of our soldiers, our sons and daughters, the essence of our people, who stand guard for their country generation after generation, a defensive wall against all those who seek our harm.

“We will stand guard to ensure that they are not harmed because of this decision."