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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks the Israeli delegation for their UPR report. At the same time, my delegation strongly regrets Israel's previous decisions to disengage from this Council and refusal to appear before the scheduled January Working Group, as it constitutes an unprecedented phenomenon and pose a potential menace to the integrity and credibility of UPR mechanism.

Mr. President,

Indonesia notes Israel's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), further advancing Israel's commitment in the promotion of disability rights agenda. **My delegation recommends Israel to continue progress on various relevant programs, including broad-based accessibility projects for persons with disabilities in the country.**

Indonesia shares the valid concern of the international community that Israeli's policies/practices of racial segregation disproportionately effects the Palestinian population. Its policies of the Annexation Wall, expansion of settlements, land confiscation, evictions, and freedom of movement- are a clear breach of international human rights and humanitarian laws. **In this regard, Indonesia recommends that Israel comply with its legal obligations under international law alongside its obligations deriving from international human rights treaties to which Israel is a party.**

In conclusion Mr. President, my delegation believes that the resumption of the diplomatic process towards the conclusion of the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians is instrumental in contributing to the long-lasting progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, not only in Israel and Palestine, but also in the region.

I thank you.