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**UPR 17 – Concluding remarks by Ambassador Eviatar Manor,**

**Permanent Representative of Israel**

**to the United Nations Office in Geneva**

**Before the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group**

**Review of Israel's report**

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Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present Israel's human rights record. We have listened carefully to you and we appreciate the important points raised during the session. I would also like to thank the many delegations for their questions and recommendations. We have noticed, in particular, those comments which reflected an awareness of the complexity of the issues involved. I would like to thank those delegations which contributed reflections based on their own experience in advancing human rights in their own countries.

Unfortunately, we were not able to address all the issues raised. [I would also like to express a certain disappointment with the lack of interest in issues of human rights in Israel at the expense of an inflated interest in the Palestinian issue. We are also very disappointed that some countries used derogatory terms when addressing Israel. It dishonors them]. We shall study the recommendations we heard today and come back with our response at a later stage in the review process. We will continue to explore ways to improve Israel's human rights record and are open to dialogue with all of you, so as to learn from your experience.

Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I would like to re-state Israel's respect for the UPR process. I believe our distinguished and highly professional delegation, our national report, our presentations and our answers to the many questions testify to that.

Mr. President,

In conclusion, I would like to thank you personally for the leadership and professional spirit in which you have guided the Council and our dialogue.

Thank you.