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Mr. President,

My delegation attaches great importance to the UPR process in its contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights around the world. We believe that the UPR offers valuable opportunities to share the policies and practices of each state and to help each other build national capacities in the field of human rights.

In this sense, my delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel and appreciates its decision to be engaged in the work of the UPR.

We observe that the promotion and protection of human rights in Israel is fully ensured both in institutional and practical terms. At the same time, we note that there is a concern of the international community over human rights situation in the occupied territories. Recognizing the views of the ICJ and the various treaty bodies that the obligations under international human rights and international humanitarian law apply to all persons under the jurisdiction or effective control of a State Party, we would like to make the following recommendations to the government of Israel.

1. To ensure the principle of equality and non-discrimination by including the principle in the Basic Law and legislation.
2. To put forward the utmost efforts to implement all recommendations made by the human rights mechanisms to provide people in the occupied territories with civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights in equal manners.
3. To enhance cooperation with the Human Rights Council and to continue to fully engage in the international human rights mechanisms.

Thank you. Mr. President. /End/