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UPR of Israel

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Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Israel and appreciates its participation in the UPR Working Group. We thank delegation for their presentation today.

We thank Israel for the exhaustive reply to our recommendation from the first round of the UPR regarding the conscientious objectors and would like to use this opportunity to further **recommend** that the progress made leads to a systemic solution of the issue.

We note Israel did not respond to all our recommendations during the first round of UPR, thus we would like to repeat the following. While welcoming the progress made since the first round of the UPR regarding children in Israeli military detention, such as the establishment of a juvenile military court and raising the age of majority in the military courts from 16 to 18, we note that ill-treatment of children is still widespread and that gaps between policy and practice remain. We would therefore like to **recommend** to use alternatives to detaining children, and to enact a number of existing regulations to ensure greater protection of children's rights particularly in areas such as the use of restraints and strip-searches.

Furthermore we **recommend** developing mechanisms for overseeing the implementation of the Convention of the Rights of the Child in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Additionally, we would like to offer the following three **recommendations**:

- To issue a standing invitation to the Special Procedures.
- To introduce limitations to the practice of administrative detention in conformity with international law and to desist from the practice of multiple extensions of administrative detention, with a view of eventually ending the practice of administrative detention.
- To ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and fully align its legislation with the Rome Statute.

Thank you.