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Thank you Mr. President.

We welcome the participation of Israel on this Session and we would like to thank Ambassador Manor for his introductory statement.

Republic of Macedonia commends the decision of the Government of Israel to continue its cooperation with the UN Human Rights Council and to take part on this session of the WG on UPR.

Republic of Macedonia shares the view of other countries that the HRC is the most appropriate forum within the structure of the UN to have an open dialogue on the progress and challenges on all Human Rights. In our view, the Second cycle of the UPR provides the state members with solid comparative measuring tool of the status of their HR progress.

In that regard, we would appreciate if the Delegation of Israel would further inform the WG about progress in the implementation of the recommendations from the first cycle of the UPR, as well as for the implementation of the conclusions and the recommendations of the UN treaty bodies in particular those of the CEDAW, HR Committee and CERD.

Republic of Macedonia would also like to recommend Israel to continue cooperate with the HRC.

Thank you Mr. President.