



## Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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### Report of the UPR Working Group on CYPRUS

Thank you, Mr. President.

We thank Cyprus for its presentation and for its National Report. Israel welcomes Cyprus' engagement with the UPR, and its support for promoting and protecting human rights.

Israel welcomes Cyprus' actions to promote the equality of women in employment, including initiatives such as the establishment of a Gender Equality Certification Body, by the Department of Labor Relations through its Project "Actions for reducing the gender pay gap" - which aims at combating the root causes of gender inequality.

To continue the efforts addressing this challenge, the State of Israel **recommends** Cyprus to work on strengthening the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of its existing legal framework protecting the equality of women, particularly in the area of employment, in order to achieve a successful reduction in the wage gap between men and women.

Thank you, Mr. President.