

Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Report of the UPR Working Group on <u>URUGUAY</u>

Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel welcomes the Uruguayan delegation and thanks them for their efforts to improve the protection of human rights in their country, as well as its commitment to making the UPR process a successful one. We would also like to congratulate Uruguay on the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Israel <u>recommends</u> the Government of Uruguay continues to protect the rights of its children, by implementing successful programs that ensure 100% access to birth registration, as well strengthening a legal framework that can guarantee the universal right to education and promote emphasis on care, access and opportunities.

On the subject of gender, we welcome all efforts made by Uruguay to respect women's rights; in this regard, we <u>recommend</u> Uruguay to give greater prominence and allocate adequate resources to the implementation of policies that strengthen the State's institutional gender framework using training courses that promote gender equality.

Thank you, Mr. President.