



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Paraguay and thank them for their report presented before us today, which is the result of extensive consultations with different stake holders including the civil society.

Israel would like to commend Paraguay for its strong commitment to the promotion of human rights in the country, as reflected in the following measures adopted by the government in recent years:

- The adoption of laws aiming to regularize the situation of undocumented foreign migrants, and to rise the age of consent to marriage.
- The approval of different National plans or policies including: the National Plan for Human Rights; the National Plan of Action for the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and the national policy to prevent and combat trafficking of persons.
- The strengthening of institutions for the promotion of human rights such as: the National Secretariat and the National Council on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and the National Commission for the Eradication of Child Labor.
- The adoption of a protocol applicable to transgender persons deprived of their liberty.

Israel would like to recommend Paraguay the following:

- (1) To speed up the process to appoint a new Ombudsman.
- (2) To continue its efforts to facilitate a greater participation and representation of women and indigenous people in public offices.
- (3) To further develop policies to ensure full enjoyment of rights and equality to LGBTI people.
- (4) To promote legislation eradicating violence against women and against discrimination based on religious beliefs

Thank you.