**Oral Statement by Ambassador Delgado**

**On behalf of Cabo Verde**

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Thank you, Chair.

The delegation of Cabo Verde welcomes the delegation of Israel and would like to commend Israel on its engagement with the international human rights mechanism to promote the protection of human rights in the country.

Cabo Verde also congratulates Israel for the reforms undertaken to reduce social gaps and to improve human rights, particularly the significant strides towards promoting gender equality, the rights of persons with disability and of the elderly.

In the spirit of fostering further progress, Cabo Verde would like to maker the following recommendations:

- First, to intensify efforts to combat gender-based violence against women, including within the minority communities;

- Second, to eliminate barriers that prevent minority groups from accessing justice;

- Finally, to take further measures to promote adequate representation of minorities in civil services, law enforcement and judicial bodies.

We wish Israel a successful review.

Thank you.