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**Israel**

Thank you, Mr. Vice- President.

Canada commends Israel’s active participation in this process and its progress, including the ban of the so-called practice of conversion therapy.

Canada recommends that Israel:

1. Thoroughly investigate and prosecute cases of extremist settler violence in the West Bank to ensure those who commit these crimes are held to account;
2. End the practice of punitive home demolitions, which disproportionately affect women, children and the elderly;
3. Take measures to ensure the protection of civil rights and an equal, non-discriminatory institutional approach toward all communities, including minorities and asylum claimants;
4. Repeal the death penalty and consider a moratorium pending its complete abolition;
5. Protect the ability of civil society organizations to operate freely in Israel, including by reconsidering plans to impose new taxation on such groups.

Thank you.