**National Statement during the 4th UPR Review of Israel**

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Mr. President,

We express our grave concerns over the dire human rights, humanitarian, and socio-economic situation as a result of Israel’s illegal settlement policy in the occupied territories. This illegal practice continues for decades with brazen impunity and in complete defiance of international law.

We have the following recommendations:

1. Cooperate with all United Nations Special Procedures Mandate Holders and mechanisms and provide access to the Commission of Inquiry;
2. Hold those accountable for desecration of places of worship;
3. Release all political prisoners and administrative detainees;
4. Cease immediately the construction of illegal settlements;
5. End illegal occupation and give effect to the inalienable right of the Palestinian people to self-determination;
6. Comply with all relevant United Nations resolutions and adhere to international law; and
7. End impunity of Israeli forces responsible for killings of civilians and hold the perpetrators responsible.

I thank you!