**Statement of Hungary on Israel**

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Hungary thanks Israel for its detailed national report and update.

Hungary would like to recall its disagreement on the discriminatory and unfair treatment of Israel on the UN human rights fora. In this context, Hungary greatly appreciates Israel’s continued engagement with international human rights mechanisms and also with other international human rights and humanitarian bodies.

Hungary welcomes that the Government has continued its work on promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, including through new draft accessibility regulations. We also commend the steps that Israel has taken to enhance the protection and safety of children, both offline and online and to ensure a whole of government approach regarding children and youth.

We also note with appreciation that the Government of Israel made great strides in advancing equality and non-discrimination in the Israeli labor market.

Hungary wishes to make the following two recommendations:

* Continue to make further progress on ensuring equal rights to persons with disabilities and maintaining their dignity and freedom;
* Continue to assess the effectiveness of the protection frameworks to support and safeguard children, and create new frameworks as necessary in order to further enhance the protection of children.

We wish every success to Israel in this UPR cycle.

Thank you!