



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

We would like to thank the panelists for their most useful and interesting insights.

Children are our future; we must ensure that we give them the opportunity to get an education, to live in a safe environment, to receive health services and social and economic assistance. For that to happen, we should invest tremendously. Invest time, money and public and human resources.

The State of Israel invests money and utilizes public and human resources to realize children's rights. Thanks to many activities and projects that are initiated by the "Israel National Council for The Child", an Israeli independent NGO, backed by the Israeli Ministries of Education, Social Affairs, Health and more, we believe that we can improve our children's lives, and create a better future for them.

One of the key programs that we run is "The Israeli Children's Rights Mobile Unit" - an innovative program designed to reach out to the nation's children in answer to this need. The Mobile Unit introduces children in elementary schools to the concept of children's rights and responsibilities; stressing violence prevention, equality and respect for themselves and the responsibility to protect these rights for others.

Another is "The Israeli Child Victim Assistance Program", which serves to encourage the empowerment of child victims through the alleviation of fear and stress and to help the victims cope with the legal system.

Mr. Chair,

Investing in children is one of the most worthwhile and beneficial investments. In essence, every dollar that we are investing in our children today is a direct contribution to our future.

Thank you.