



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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ID with the SR on Right to Education

Thank you, Mr. President.

We thank the Special Rapporteur and the Independent Expert for their reports. In my statement I will refer to the report of the Special Rapporteur on right to education.

The right to education is a fundamental human right that the State of Israel has acknowledged and held dear since its founding days. Children are the future and we believe it is an essential role of national governments and the international community to provide for and ensure quality education for all the world's youth.

We are certain that the public school system is the right framework to instill universal values that reflect the vital democratic principles of human rights, civil rights, equality, and human dignity. The public school system is an effective way of integrating different people from varying backgrounds and cultures.

We strongly believe that there are some services, education included, that should not be privatized, because they are at the heart of the social contract between the citizens and the country.

Mr. President,

Every Israeli citizen has been entitled to free public education since 1949, one year after the establishment of the State of Israel. We believe that education must be accessible to all, regardless of gender, social status, religion, race, or ethnicity.

Consequently, even when a private school is granted approval and is recognized by the Ministry of Education, it is subject to governmental oversight and to regulations.

As this is an incredibly important topic and the detrimental effect of the commercialization of education is real, we call upon the international community to prioritize the future of our children and to strengthen the public school system while closely regulating the private one.

Thank you.