



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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ID with the SR on Trafficking

Thank you Mr. President,

We thank the Working Group on Transnational Corporations and Human Rights as well as the Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in persons, especially women and children, for their reports. In my statement I will refer to the report of the Special Rapporteur on Trafficking.

The only way to properly address the challenge of trafficking is through cooperation and information sharing. In this regard, we would like to stress the importance of the national coordinators' meeting in Bangkok last year. On its part, in recent years Israel hosted two international seminars for judges and representatives of different international agencies.

Civil society's role in fighting trafficking is vital. In Israel, constant dialogue, mutual consultations and information sharing are ongoing.

Private sector should also be involved. As part of the rehabilitation process, we work with different companies on creating employment opportunities to victims of trafficking.

Human Rights and a victim centered approach are essential. In Israel, every rehabilitation plan is individually designed according to the victim's needs and wishes. Victims are granted unconditional full protection and assistance.

We should remember that there are also male victims of trafficking and sometimes it is difficult to identify them as such. In Israel all treatment programs and facilities are gender adapted and can be used both for men and women.

Social inclusion is a key factor for a successful rehabilitation. We provide victims with diverse vocational training and education programs, and follow-up on them after rehabilitation.

Israel is very much interested in working together with its neighbors on preventing trafficking. Israel took part in all of OSCE Mediterranean Partners meetings and invited representatives from countries in the region to visit Israel and to create professional dialogue and mutual learning.

Finally, we would like to commend the Special Rapporteur on her comprehensive report and would like to invite her to visit Israel as soon as possible.

Thank you.