



## **Statement on behalf of the State of Israel**

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### **ID with SR on Sale of children**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel thanks both SR's for their presentations. In our statement, we will refer to the report of the SR on sale of children.

Israel thanks the SR on sale of children, for her diligent actions and valuable report. We welcome the focus in her present report on aspects such as the demand for the sexual exploitation of children.

Mr. President,

Israel accords great importance to the protection of children. In recent years, a Special Inter-Ministerial Team was formed to develop a Collaborative Action-Plan to Improve Ways to Tackle Child Prostitution. The team is headed by the National Anti-Trafficking Unit and includes representatives of the various stakeholders including ministries and relevant official bodies such as the Police, the State Attorney's Office as well as representatives of relevant NGOs.

In January 2014, the team issued its concluding recommendations, which included a scheme of a national-scale plan entitled "The Action Plan to Eradicate the Phenomenon of Prostitution of Minors and its Social Implications."

In February 2014, the concluding recommendations were presented before the CDG and before the Knesset Committee on Rights of the Child and the Knesset Sub-committee on Trafficking in Women and Prostitution.

The goals of the Action Plan are (i) Reducing the likelihood of minors to engage in prostitution; (ii) Increasing identification and detection of minors that are in risk of engaging in prostitution; (iii) Creating an effective deterrence against consumers of minor prostitution; (iv) Providing initial assistance ('Damage Control') and rehabilitation of minors in prostitution; (v) Increasing public awareness to the phenomenon of minors in prostitution and to its consequences.

The relevant authorities are currently waiting for the results of a National Survey in order to gather an estimation of the required funds that need to be allocated in order to carry out the Action Plan.

Mr. President ,

Over the years, Israel has become a developing source of knowledge in the field of combating trafficking. In 2015, An International Workshop was held in Israel, in cooperation with UNESCO, on “Combating Violence against Women and Children”. One of the main objectives of the workshop was to examine international forms of violence, such as trafficking in persons. This workshop is held annually.

As reflected, Israel is committed to continue taking an active part in the global efforts to combat the sale and trafficking of children.

Thank you.