



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

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Mr. President,

We thank the panelists for a most interesting discussion.

Israel strongly supports the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We are certain that the SDG's will be the beacon not only to lead sustainable development efforts but also, to guide sustainable humanitarian response with the aim of “ending need” and “leaving no one behind”.

In line with the Sustainable Development Goals and the objectives established by the international community, MASHAV, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, consistently promotes gender-based programmes, recognizing the integration of cross-cutting issues of gender equality and women's empowerment as a critical component of development policy and planning, and central to sustainable development.

In the WHS, held in Istanbul last month, Israel has committed to carrying out thousands of training activities including Courses and workshops, for women and men around the world, in various fields including Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Empowerment of Women as well as leadership and early Childhood development and education, all with gender as a cross cutting issue.

Moreover, the State of Israel is committed to communicating and raising awareness regarding the best practices on combating violence against women and girls and human trafficking.

Guided by this mindset, MASHAV in collaboration with UNDP and UN Women organizes a biannual International Conference for Women Leaders, facilitating dialogue and the sharing of knowledge on policy and approaches to promoting gender equality and gender mainstreaming in the international development discourse.

Mr. President,

Israel has a deep commitment to women equality, women empowerment and gender mainstreaming, and is committed to continue its cooperation with member states and the relevant international bodies, to promote those issues.

Thank you.