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Clustered ID with IE on the rights of older persons

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to thank the Independent Expert for her important report. Israel shares the IE's view that assistive technology is an essential measure to enable older persons to live independently and to participate fully in all aspects of life, on an equal basis with everyone.

Israel's unique capabilities in information, communication, mobile, and cyber technologies, together with more than 25 years of expertise in implementing health IT, electronic medical records, and business analytics, channeling these into life sciences for the elderly, makes Israel a truly influential player in this field.

The Israel Gerontological Society serves as a framework for research and academic institutions, organizations, services and agencies dealing with the subject of aging in Israel. Its main goal is to foster dialogue between developers of technology and those who will use it.

An Israeli company for example, has developed a remote monitoring system for seniors who live at home. The system learns the routine of the person, and can detect deviations from it and distress situations in real time. When such an event occurs, an alert with the exact location of that person is sent to his/her relatives.

Another company has developed analytic software that helps healthcare providers predict patient deterioration, in real time, by identifying patterns in physiological data — like changes in temperature or blood pressure, that if detected early enough can help save lives.

Israel is also on the leading edge of developments of robotics technologies, including tools such as virtual reality, sensors and artificial intelligence .

Mr. President,

We agree with the IE that the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development and its call to leave no one behind, present a unique opportunity to ensure that advanced assisted devices and robotics in older persons' care are affordable and accessible and that we all should do our utmost to ensure equality in old age.

I thank you Mr. President.