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Thank you, Mr. President.

In 1993, the Vienna Declaration and Plan of Action recognized and affirmed that “all human rights derive from the dignity and worth inherent in the human person.” With the adoption of the Agenda 2030, States reaffirmed this commitment by agreeing to fight against inequality and towards inclusiveness, with the goal of “leaving no one behind.”

Nonetheless, there are still many groups of people who suffer inequality and discrimination on a daily basis.

In this sense, Israel condemns the violence and discrimination suffered by LGBTI persons. Situations of violence, the expansion of conversion therapies, denial of rights based on sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, are unfortunately common currency.

Moreover, persons with disabilities still found barriers that impair their equal integration into the same society that creates those obstacles. Concrete action is required in order to stop that discrimination. Measures aiming to universal accessibility and equality are required. The CRPD sets the path that States should follow to fulfil these commitments: reasonable accommodations, inclusion of persons with disabilities in the discussion, among others .

Mr. President,

It is the primary responsibility of States to take measures to stop discrimination and move forward towards a more inclusive society, where the goal of “leaving no one behind” can be more than just nice words, but rather a reality.

Thank you.