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**UN Human Rights Council**  
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**Vote on Item 7 Resolutions**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

In a few minutes, the Human Rights Council will vote, once again, in favor of the 5 one-sided resolutions against Israel. It will do it under the only country-specific standing agenda Item. The only Item that singles out a Member State.

Considering the amount of Resolutions to be adopted and the amount of Reports produced for this session under Item 7, we ask again: where is the sense of priority of the HRC? Where is the sense of purpose? Where is its responsibility to act for the sake of the victims of human rights abuses and against their abusers?

Where is its moral compass?

We reject these 5 resolutions in their entirety and we urge you strongly to remove Item 7 from the HRC's agenda. It should not exist!

70 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and 70 years after the establishment of the State of Israel, it is about time that Israel is treated fairly by the UN, as any other country.

This Council needs an urgent reform, first in its biased agenda against the one and only Jewish State, as well as in its membership and rules, among other deficiencies.

The treatment of Israel is a mirror of the cycle of absurdity, and further undermines the credibility of this Council.

Mr. President,

The Human Rights Council has systematically been an inflammatory environment. Instead of promoting reconciliation and contributing to a more constructive effort to advance compromise and peace, it contributes to deepening the mistrust between Israelis and Palestinians.

Moreover, in one single session, we see how the relevance of the Council in standing up for Eastern Ghouta is later undermined when discussing an absurd resolution on the Golan. While the Syrian regime is killing its own people and for the last 7 years the country is torn apart by a bloody civil war, yet this Council still votes on this ridiculous resolution.

Mr. President,

Despite the Council and not because of it, we will continue with our keen efforts to achieve peace, security and prosperity. We will overcome the difficulties the Human Rights Council is creating on our path.

I wish to thank all countries that do not support these resolutions and in particular to our great friend and ally, the United States of America.

The voice of these countries will resonate loud and clear over the politicized chatter of this Council of Human Rights.

Thank you, Mr. President.