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**ID with the SR on Sale of and sexual  
exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child  
pornography and other child sexual abuse**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to thank the Special Rapporteur on Sale of children for her important report.

Surrogacy performed within Israel, is strictly regulated and supervised by law. It includes built-in mechanisms such as a requirement for pre-approval of a committee formed of psychologists, social workers, doctors and other relevant experts that verify that all parties' health, well-being, rights and human dignity are strictly observed, in order to prevent exploitation and human rights abuse within the process. Furthermore, the law states that the procedure should be voluntary, and not for purposes of remuneration, besides the covering of costs for the surrogate mother, thus avoiding harmful consequences of commercial surrogacy.

Mr. President,

The State of Israel perceives the issue of international surrogacy as a matter of high importance and urgency, which requires the creation of an appropriate international framework, and the cooperation of all states in preventing human rights abuse and exploitation in this context.

Therefore, the Israeli authorities including the National Anti-Trafficking Unit have been gathering extensive information on this subject, issued a report on the matter and are closely monitoring this subject and discussing possible avenues of action. There are various legislative initiatives aimed at regulating international surrogacy for Israeli citizens, similarly to the existing law on internal surrogacy procedures. These efforts were also defined as a high priority goal in the new National Program for combatting trafficking in persons conducted by the National Anti-Trafficking Unit.

Israel is a significant global partner in the combatting of trafficking and human rights abuse, and fully supports international efforts including development of international conventions and mechanisms in this field.

I thank you, Mr. President.