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**Clustered ID with the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel warmly welcomes both mandate-holders, and thanks them for their reports presented to us today.

We thank the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities for her report on equal recognition before the law and specifically the issue of legal capacity. We commend her for the clarity of her report, where she points out the standards that norms on legal capacity should reach, while recognizing the challenges that States face. Moreover, she highlights a “gradual but steady paradigm shift” towards a supported decision-making one.

As acknowledged by the SR, there have been changes in Israel. After broad consultation with DPOs and relevant government agencies, an amendment to the Legal Capacity and Guardianship Law was passed. Although not perfect, this law represents a large progress in this issue, by emphasizing the uniqueness of each individual, the existences of a wide range of disabilities that should not be treated uniformly, the need to respect the will of each person to the utmost extent possible, and the importance of their participation in decisions that relate to them. This amendment moves to the supported decision-making paradigm, as demanded by the CRPD.

Mr. President,

Israel also welcomes the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism.

We congratulate her for achievements, including the organization of the expert workshop on witchcraft and human rights and the adoption of the Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017-2021). We have read both reports and paid special attention to the conclusions, recommendations and proposed measures presented.

In her thematic report, the IE focuses on the right to health of persons with albinism. We appreciate her study on the main health issues involved, as well as her analysis on the intersecting and multiple discrimination that persons with Albinism suffer, together with

identifying the barriers to other rights associated with this problem. We thank her for her many recommendations, which will be carefully consider.

Mr. President,

The work of this two mandates is central to achieve the goal of “leaving no one behind”. Thus, Israel has supported the activities carried out by the experts, and will continue to do so.

Thank you.