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**Clustered ID with the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental Health and the Special Rapporteur on the elimination of discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and their family member**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel welcomes both experts, and thanks them for their important and interesting reports.

Relating to the contribution of the Special Rapporteur on health, we would like to express our support for the holistic approach to addressing the needs of persons suffering from mental health conditions. Community plays a vital role in the creation of the kind of enabling environment that the Rapporteur alludes to in his report.

We attach special importance to the issue of combatting bullying as a negative driver of mental conditions, and therefore support the idea of investing in the creation of respectful and non-violent relationships, based on what the Rapporteur refers to as an “ecological approach”, namely one that doesn’t only focus on victims and perpetrators, but instead strives to train a much broader group of people in the surrounding environment about how to best deal with such situations.

We also would like to highlight his reference to the specific situation of older persons. In this regard, we share his view regarding the shared risk factors, and in particular, the risk of abuse that they are subjected to.

In this context, we would like to ask whether the Special Rapporteur could elaborate in his recommendations regarding the measures States can take to achieve the full realization of the right to mental health by older persons.

I thank you.