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Thank you, President,

We would like to welcome the new Independent Expert and thank her for her report.

Israel acknowledges the importance of having data that is accessible, meaningful, and reflecting each segment of population. While “the data revolution” poses risks to privacy, we believe that new technologies can help improve the lives of older persons, including by the collection of data. Furthermore, data collection can play a key role in combating stereotypes, ageism and raise awareness about the discrimination and violence against older persons

With regards disaggregated data, we suggest to include *gender* as a critical dimension, rather than sex, so that the inclusive policies of older persons can also be gender-sensitive.

In Israel, the Central Bureau of Statistics performs data collection, research and analysis in the field of ageing. This information, in turn, orients policy formulation and implementation as well as the publication of a wide range of data on the elderly.

Internationally, Israel has been collaborating with the United Nations to enhance the role of data in improving the lives of older persons, and has worked closely with the UNECE “Task Force on Ageing and Task Force on Measuring Institutional Populations” on defining indicators and metrics in the field of ageing.

Let me conclude by asking the IE, what would you recommend to do in order to improve the access of older persons to clear and adequate information?

I thank you.