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**Item 5**

**ID on the report of the SG on co-operation with the United Nations**

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Madam President,

Israel read the report of the Secretary General carefully and regrettably it is based on a flawed methodology and filled with inaccuracies.

First, we wish to express our profound disappointment that as a concerned party, Israel did not receive the report prior to its publication for its comments and consideration. It is unacceptable that a State party will not have the appropriate time to address allegations made against it.

It is further unacceptable that the report itself includes alleged incidents that were never communicated to Israel in the past, and therefore Israel never had the opportunity to provide answers for. Yet they find their way into this report as if they were true and verified.

Moreover, once again the Secretary General refers to allegations concerning an unknown NGO, without including facts or circumstances that could be checked or verified by the State. How is a State supposed to provide explanations and engage in a constructive dialogue when it is not even provided with the basic facts?

Madam President,

Israel enjoys a rich, dynamic and vibrant civil society, and the role of NGOs is fundamental to the fabric of its democracy. About 40,000 NGOs are registered in Israel, covering a wide range of subjects, and their active participation strengthens and shapes the discussion and society in Israel.

Israel cooperates fully with the communications sent to it with regards to NGOs activities, and has provided detailed answers to the allegations brought before it. Israel stands ready to continue to do that, as long as the dialogue is constructive, transparent, balanced and impartial.

Thank you, Madam President.