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Item 3 – ID with IE on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism

Thank you, Madam President,

We thank the Independent Expert for her final report, as we are coming to the end of her tenure.

The report refers to the many achievements under her mandate, many of which have been referred before, such as the Guidelines on harmful practices related to accusations of witchcraft and ritual attacks, and all her activities that led to the adoption of the Regional Action Plan on Albinism in Africa (2017–2021).

We welcome the seriousness of her work, as shown by her focus on research and data collection, so concrete and evidence-based information could support her advocacy efforts.

We agree with the Independent Expert on the need to continue to tackle the root causes of human rights violations against persons with albinism, as well with her proposal to consider that attacks on and violations of the human rights of persons with albinism should be considered a hate crime.

Madam President,

In her report, the Independent Expert thanks the Permanent Mission of Israel, together with other delegations, for the support given during these 6 years.

Similarly, we would like to thank her for all her efforts and for the professionalism shown during this time. She has been an example on how to execute a mandate given by this Council, focusing on developing activities that can lead to actual results, while complying with the principles that should guide the work of mandate-holders. Her creativity and activism have been very welcomed and will certainly be missed.

We wish Ms. Ero all the best in her future endeavors.

I thank you, Madam President