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Thank you, Madam President.

Israel wishes to thank the Working Group on for a very important and relevant report.

We thank them for shedding light on the neglected crises that women and girls go through daily. We agree with them on the importance of a radical shift in the approach to identify and address crises. A shift that is gender-responsive, intersectional and that acknowledges the consequences of the non-fulfilment of the sexual and reproductive health rights of women and girls. We agree, as the working group reminds us, that SRHR are clearly established under international law. They are an integral part of a number of rights and the cross-cutting rights of non-discrimination and equality.

Madam President,

In the report, the Working Group also refers to the consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic. In Israel, at the beginning of the pandemic some restrictive measures were taken. Soon these restrictions were lifted, leading to the adoption of more precise and inclusive regulations. For example, referring to in vitro fertilization and extending coverage from procedures that may have been delayed due to the pandemic.

Madam President,

Israel is committed to the realization of equality among every member of society, and to ensure access and full enjoyment of SHRH.

I thank you, Madam. President.