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ID with Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide

Madam President,

Israel welcomes the invitation extended to the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide to address this Council, in accordance with Resolution 43/29, which we had the honor of supporting.

Since its founding, the State of Israel has been fully committed to the prevention and punishment of genocide. Having arisen from the ashes of the Holocaust, we strongly believe that the memory and education of previous occurrences of genocide is crucial for this goal.

Israel has worked to research and promote the history and memory of the Holocaust, making it a central topic in school *curricula*, and exploring it through different disciplines and forms of expression – including official ceremonies, public monuments, cultural and artistic projects, academic conferences, and the well-known Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Centre in Jerusalem.

Holocaust education seeks not only to teach new generations about the reality of Jews and other persecuted groups during the Nazi era, but especially to shed light on the patterns of discrimination and persecution that already led and may lead to such horrible atrocities.

Madam President,

In that context, we would like to ask the Special Adviser – what role does the education and memorialization of previous instances of genocide, and in particular the Holocaust, play in your work, and what recommendations would you extend to States in this regard?

Thank you, Madam President.