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ID with Special Rapporteur on Health

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Madam President,

Israel wishes to thank the Special Rapporteur for her report. The topics chosen for her work in the upcoming years are important, and we wish her success.

Madam President,

An individual who can enjoy a good standard of health is more able and confident to fully participate economically, culturally, and politically on an equal basis with others, thus contributing to the realization of several SDGs and the overarching “leave no one behind” principle.

That is why only a few month ago, Israel led the first resolution in the World Health Organization on Health and Persons with Disabilities.

Israel’s laws establish that the Universal Health Coverage be based on the principles of justice, equality and mutual assistance. Further, the Patient’s Rights Law states that a caretaker or a health facility will not discriminate between patients based on religion, race, gender, nationality, country of origin, gender identity, age or any other reason.

In 2013 the Israeli Ministry of Health established the Center of National database in order to monitor gaps in equal access to health.

Furthermore, in 2017, the Ministry of Health established a committee on racism, discrimination and exclusion in the health system. It is mandated to identify the problematic areas in achieving the strategic goal of equality, to open direct channels of communication with the public, to develop policy on closing these gaps and to develop professional training on the subject.

Thank you.