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**Panel Discussion on the Tenth Anniversary of the UN Declaration on
Human Rights Education and Training**

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Thank you, Madame President,

Israel thanks the panelists for their contributions, and welcomes the opportunity to engage in this discussion.

We recognize that education is a fundamental tool for promoting a free, peaceful, pluralist and inclusive society. Thus, our school *curricula* have incorporated important issues of human rights and children's rights, such as the values of freedom and solidarity, and the elimination of discrimination, throughout the education system.

We have identified the marking of International Human Rights Day in the school system as a good opportunity to emphasize human rights education and raise awareness for the topic.

Human rights and the values of freedom, equality, solidarity and democracy are addressed in many ways appropriate to the students' culture and references.

In Israel, Holocaust education plays an important part in highlighting the extreme places where racism, intolerance and tyranny have taken Humanity, given how central and traumatic the memory of the Holocaust is for Israeli society.

We would like to ask the panel – what role, in their opinion, should the study of the Holocaust and of other past atrocities play in Human Rights Education?

I thank you.