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**Item 3 - ID with the Independent Expert on the
Rights of Persons with Albinism**

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Mr. President,

Israel welcomes the new Independent Expert and thanks her for her first report.

We would like to express our support in particular to the following priorities for the mandate presented in the report:

- (i) Increasing understanding of the intersectional discrimination and stigmatization experienced by persons with albinism who are on the move and
- (ii) Enhancing efforts to carry out research and data collection on the impact of social media and new technologies on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism.

In this regard, we appreciate the focus given to the very important concept of multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. This concept is indeed essential to understand the situation and needs of persons with Albinism.

Moreover, we thank the Independent Expert for focusing on hate crimes, including by providing a clear explanation of what constitutes a hate crime, and by underscoring the importance of focusing on its main component- bias.

Mr. President,

Israel also shares the Independent Expert's views on the importance of addressing misrepresentation, pejorative names and profiling in popular media. In a world that growingly depends on the online space, it is important to pay attention to what is happening in this realm.

Finally, let me express our support for the Independent Expert's recommendations to combat hate crimes, including hate speech.

Ms. Miti-Drummond,

Israel was a strong supporter of your predecessor, Ms. Ero, and appreciated all her efforts to fulfill the mandate. We renew our support to you, and we are looking forward to collaborate in your activities.

Thank you, Mr. President.