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Israel thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report and looks forward to the renewal of his mandate this session.

A year ago, the Taliban took power. They promised they had changed and that they would not drag Afghanistan back into the abyss. They promised that Human Rights would be respected. They talked the talk, yet they did not walk the walk.

Mr. President,

Actions speak louder than words.

As Kabul fell, the Taliban imposed severe restrictions on women and girls' rights, suppressed the media, and arbitrarily detained, tortured, and murdered critics and opponents.

Israel is also extremely concerned about the rights of LGBT persons in Afghanistan, including reports that LGBT persons have been attacked, sexually assaulted, and threatened due to their sexual orientation or gender identity. In addition, Israel condemns comments made by the Taliban that their so-called support for human rights does not include LGBT rights because it is against religious laws.