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**Item 3 – ID with IE on Older Persons**

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel would like to thank the Independent Expert for her report on such an important topic.

The deprivation of liberty of older persons is of significant concern. In Israel, several services and protective mechanisms are offered to address discrimination, abuse, and neglect of older persons, including coordinated units focusing on preventing these to happen and on providing treatment to the victims.

These units also oversee the forming of a unified, multi-disciplinary professional team to treat abuse and neglect. These teams include: the older person and their family, a designated social worker, a social worker for the Protection of Wards Law, a Department Director, a legal advisor, a psycho-geriatrician, and community support, depending of each particular case and possible specific needs. The units also organize round tables with services in the community to raise awareness on ageism and age discrimination and violence, and different ways to address it.

Through the years, Israel has passed several laws designed to aid in care for older persons and protection of their rights, including the “Supervision of Care Facilities Law,” which determines the proper conditions required for the hospitalization and care for older persons in nursing homes and other institutions, as well as monitoring mechanisms.

Mr. President,

Israel recognizes that more can always be done to address ageism and to ensure the rights of older persons. We, therefore, look forward to engaging positively with the Independent Expert and will support the renewal of the mandate this session.

I thank you.