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Item 3: Prevention of Genocide

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Thank you, Mr President.

Unfortunately, the report was not published to foster a proper interaction.

Mr President,

The prevention of genocide remain a profound challenge for the international community.

Israel recognizes the significant impact of technological advances on the prevention of genocide efforts. Israel believes that technology can play a crucial role in enhancing early warning systems, information dissemination, and coordination among international actors.

Mr. President,

Since its founding, the State of Israel has been fully committed to the prevention and punishment of genocide. Having arisen from the ashes of the Holocaust, we strongly believe that the memory of previous occurrences of genocide is crucial for this goal.

In this regard, Israel has launched a special technological project to document testimonies of Holocaust survivors. Utilizing virtual reality technology, this project ensures the preservation of survivors' stories in a comprehensive and accessible manner, creating living memories.

Mr. President,

By learning from the past, individuals gain knowledge and empathy to prevent similar atrocities in the future. Furthermore, these testimonies contribute to early warning systems by identifying common patterns and signs of genocide, enabling proactive prevention measures through technological analysis and research.

Mr. President,

By utilizing technology to document and share stories of genocide survivors, Israel and the global community can play an active role in preventing future genocides by promoting education, empathy, and the understanding of the consequences of hatred and discrimination.

Mr. President,

We would like to ask, how can we promote international awareness to combat denial efforts?

Thank you.