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Israel thanks the Special Rapporteur for her report.

Israel recognizes the potential of digital technologies in advancing global health services, information, improving health outcomes, and promoting equitable access to health services.

Israel is committed to maximizing the benefits of digital innovation for the right to health. In an attempt to both prevent possible biases in medical treatment and promote equality in medical practices, the Ministry of Health established support mechanisms for health organizations, which are based on criteria of equality, giving preference, and granting additional budgeting to populations, who may suffer from discrimination.

This includes, for example, enriching the implementation of imaging technologies that provide solutions to citizens from the geographic periphery or providing additional support for remote medicine research, which focuses on promoting women's health.

In an attempt to promote implementation of AI-based technologies, the Ministry of Health is currently conducting a process to formulate regulatory guidelines that ensure that patient's rights and safety are not harmed.

Mr Vice-President,

What key considerations should be taken into account when formulating guidelines for the use of AI in the health system to ensure patient safety, privacy, and ethical considerations?

I thank you.