



## **Statement on behalf of the State of Israel**

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### **UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 20<sup>th</sup> SESSION Bolivia**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel takes note of Bolivia's second report under the UPR.

We express our concern, and regret that Bolivia has not submitted all of its reports to the treaty bodies, some pending for more than four years. We recommend and urge Bolivia to cooperate with the treaty bodies by submitting its pending reports.

In addition, Israel would make the following recommendations to Bolivia:

- Protect women and girls' reproductive rights, adopt legal reforms to eliminate the requirement of prior judicial authorization for therapeutic abortion and abortion in cases of rape and incest;
- Effectively implement provisions in the law aimed to address gender-based violence, and create a task force to combat domestic violence, including the construction of women's shelters;
- Ensure that journalists can freely exercise their right to free speech;
- Adopt measures to end due process violations during judicial processes, and improve prison conditions;
- Abolish and/or amend those legislative norms that deny or limit the rights of persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- Ensure the application of the legislative and normative to eradicate child labor and sexual exploitation of minors, and ensure that the offences are effectively investigated, prosecuted and penalized.

Thank you.