



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel welcomes the Egyptian delegation and thanks them for their report.

Israel understands the serious challenges posed in the struggle against terrorism, and thus recognizes Egypt's continued efforts to counter-terrorism, taking an active role to eliminate militant terrorists in its territory.

Following opinion rendered by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention, we recommend Egypt (1) grants immediate release and enforceable right to compensation to remedy the arbitrary detention of Israeli citizen, Mr. Ouda Tarabin, imprisoned for over 14 years. Israel is deeply concerned about reports regarding kidnappings, torture, extortion, human trafficking, and physical and sexual abuse of migrants, refugees and asylum-seekers in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula; people are being forcibly abducted and tortured for ransom by criminal networks.

We therefore recommend Egypt (2) to ensure the effective implementation of the National Plan of Action against Human Trafficking and (3) to establish a national rapporteur's office dedicated to implementing and coordinating policies and programs

Additionally, Israel would like recommend Egypt (4) to take legislative and enforcement measures to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, including marital rape, and sexual violence against women; and (5) to create an Ombudsperson office for gender equality.

Thank you.