

Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the Kenyan delegation and thank them for their report presented before us today.

Israel recognizes the tremendous challenges Kenya has faced while promoting national security due to an upsurge of deadly terrorist attacks and we support Kenya in its fight against terrorism. We take note of recent anti-terror measures taken by the government in this respect and support all efforts made by the Kenyan government to protect its citizens while respecting human rights.

Israel commends Kenya for including important affirmative action measures in their new Constitution that protect women's rights and ensure gender equality. We **recommend** Kenya to continue to actively implement all these adopted measures, to safeguard women empowerment and promote gender equality.

Thank you.