



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 21st SESSION Sweden

Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel warmly welcomes the delegation of Sweden and thanks them for their report. Israel wishes to especially congratulate Sweden for its forward thinking and leading work on promoting and protecting the human rights of the SOGI community.

We echo concerns expressed by the Office of the Children's Ombudsman in Sweden regarding the human rights of children living under vulnerable circumstances; in particular, those deprived of their liberty in remand prisons and police cells.

Israel wishes to formulate the following **recommendations** to Sweden:

- (1) Take urgent action to introduce an explicit statutory ban on the solitary confinement for children in remand prisons and police cells;
- (2) Introduce a limit for the time a child can be held in detention, pretrial; and
- (3) Ensure all children are guaranteed fundamental rights during the judicial process.

Following CERD's observations regarding anti-Semitic crimes being on the rise in Sweden, we **recommend** the government to (4) continue implementing measures and funding programs to combat anti-Semitism.

Thank you, Mr. President.