



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 21st SESSION Turkey

Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel notes that while thousands have stood trial for joining peaceful protests, very few police officers have been held accountable for excessive use of force. Further, Turkey continues to criminalize non-violent dissenting speech and to restrict access to information by imposing disproportionate restrictions on social media.

Israel **recommends** Turkey to:

1. Amend or Repeal all policies that restrict the rights to freedom of expression, assembly, and the right to access information and free press;
2. Ensure effective implementation of its domestic laws on the protection of the family and prevention of violence against women and children; and
3. Enact comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation, including a prohibition on discrimination on grounds of ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you.