



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

### **UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 23<sup>rd</sup> SESSION**

#### **Myanmar**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Myanmar and thank them for their report which is the result of extensive consultations and workshops between the government and NGOs.

Israel congratulates Myanmar for the progress made since its last UPR. In this sense, Israel welcomes the Democratization Process that allows Myanmar to move in the right direction with the constructive engagement of the International community. Israel commends the reforms made in the political, social and economic areas and encourages Myanmar to continue in that direction.

Israel is encouraged by the recent signing of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement with 8 major ethnic groups, and hopes that this important step would lead toward a national reconciliation.

Israel would like to recommend to Myanmar the following:

- (1) to take action to bring other remaining armed groups into an inclusive peace process;
- (2) to ensure the proper work of the Joint Monitoring Committee and Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee;
- (3) to continue with the implementation of the National Strategic Plan for the Advancement of Women.

Israel congratulates Myanmar for the improvement on the human rights situation, hoping that this will continue with the next government, regardless of the result of the upcoming elections.

In this context, Israel wishes Myanmar a smooth election and a successful UPR.

Thank you.