



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Nepal

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Nepal and thank them for their report which is the result of extensive consultations including different sectors of the government, the NHRI and NGOs.

Israel congratulates Nepal for the development of periodic National Human Rights Action Plans (NHRAPs), including the current one under development, as well for the notable increase of the representation of women in parliament to the date.

Israel commends the Senior Citizen Act, the National Strategy and Action Plan on Gender Empowerment, as well as the continued application of the National Policy and Plan of Action on Disability, and the introduction of a building Code to make public buildings accessible for persons with disabilities and the progress on implementing inclusive education policy.

Additionally, Israel would like to recommend to Nepal the following:

- (1) to accelerate the discussions regarding the bill to make basic education compulsory and free, currently under consideration;
- (2) to continue taking action to reduce maternal and infant mortality;
- (3) to speed up the process to promote more participation of women in public offices;
- (4) to strengthen the protection of LGBTI people and work towards the full implementation of the current laws.

Israel wishes Nepal a successful UPR.

Thank you.