



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

UN Human Rights Council UPR WORKING GROUP 23rd SESSION

Rwanda

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Rwanda and thank them for their report which is the result of extensive consultations between different branches of the government, as well as NGO's.

Israel congratulates Rwanda for the establishment of multiple independent Human Rights institutions, such as the National Commission for Human Rights, the Office of the Ombudsman, and specialized agencies working with Children, Gender and Persons with Disabilities.

Israel commends the achievements registered in the area of access to education, through measures such as the guarantee of universal and free education for the first 12 years and One Laptop per Child.

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

- (1) to continue its efforts to realize the national development goals as stipulated in Country's Vision 20/20 and in the Economic Development Poverty Reduction Strategy 2 (EDPRS II)
- (2) to scale up the Isange One Stop Centers (IOSC) to care for Victims of GBV and Human Trafficking.
- (3) to expedite the development of the National Human Rights Action Plan.
- (4) To continue its efforts to increase the participation of women in leadership at the local government level.

Israel congratulates Rwanda for its continuous efforts to improve human rights as part of its national rebuilding efforts.

Israel wishes Rwanda a successful UPR.

Thank you.