



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Belgium

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Belgium and thank them for their report presented before us today, which is the result of extensive consultations between the government and civil society.

Israel would like to highlight, among many measures adopted by Belgium since its last UPR, the following ones:

- The adoption of policy instruments to identify and prosecute discrimination and hate-related violence, including Holocaust denial, and offences committed via internet, especially cyber hate.
- The implementation of two inter-federal action plans to combat violence and discrimination against LGBTI people.
- The development by the National Commission for the Rights of the Child of a list of 40 indicators on the rights of the child in Belgium to monitor the evolution of the respect of those rights.

Additionally, Israel would like to recommend Belgium the following:

1. To further develop policies related to inclusion of people with disabilities, especially regarding inclusive education.
2. To ensure a supported decision-making mechanism for people with disabilities.
3. To consider abolishing the requirements for medical interventions for transgender people who wish to obtain legal recognition of their gender.
4. To consider adopting specific legislation on domestic violence and violence against women.

Thank you.