



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Latvia

Thank you, Mr. President.

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

Israel would like to highlight, among many measures adopted by Latvia in recent years, the following ones:

- The amendments of laws such as: the Criminal Law as Article 35 of the Electronic Mass Media related to hate crimes and discrimination; the Citizenship Law; Article 154 of the Criminal law in relation to the definition of Human Trafficking; and the modifications that abolished the complete removal of the capacity to act in certain cases of people with disabilities.
- The approval of different National plans and guidelines including Maternal and Child Health Improvement Plan (2012–2014); Cyber Security Strategy of Latvia (2014–2018); Guidelines on Elimination of Trafficking in Human Beings (2014–2020), among others.

Additionally, Israel would like to recommend Latvia the following:

1. To adopt a law to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women.
2. To take action to narrow the gender pay gap and to ensure equal opportunities for women on the labor market.
3. To further develop policies to ensure the full enjoyment of rights of persons with disabilities, particularly in terms of inclusive education and accessibility.

Thank you.