



Statement on behalf of the State of Israel
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Lithuania

Thank you, Mr. President.

We warmly welcome the delegation of Lithuania to the Universal Periodic Review, and would like to refer to the national report presented before us today.

Israel sees favorably the measures taken by Lithuania to address hate crimes of various types, inter alia, through the focus on the training of law enforcement officials, in particular the Lithuanian police, in the proper handling of such crimes.

Another encouraging trend is the implementation of the Programme of Social Integration of Persons with Disabilities, as reflected in the adaptation of housing, the improvement of accessibility to transportation and the provision of technical assistance to persons with disabilities who require it.

Israel would like to recommend to Lithuania:

1. To consider ways of improving the authorities' response to hate crimes based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
2. To reinforce existing educational programs about the Holocaust, and to introduce additional ones, as a key lesson in the fight against racial discrimination.
3. To improve implementation of relevant national standards and legislation pertaining to accessibility of people with disabilities, also on the municipal level.

Thank you Mr. President.