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**Algeria**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Israel thanks Algeria for the report presented before us today.

Despite some efforts made since its last UPR, Algeria still needs to address many serious deficiencies that remain in the field of human rights, including the lack of freedom of religion and the unequal rights of women.

Israel would like to recommend Algeria the following:

1. Allow full freedom of belief to all religious groups, especially the Ahmadi minority, which suffers from continued persecution.
2. Give full and equal rights to women in all areas.
3. Abolish the article in the Penal Code which allows rapists of underage girls to escape trial by marrying their victims.
4. Stop arresting people for same sex relations.
5. Conduct thorough investigations of human rights crimes and abuses perpetrated during the internal armed conflict in the 1990s.
6. Take full responsibility of the Sahrawi refugee camps that are located in Algerian territory, and protect the human rights of all persons present there.

I thank you Mr. President.