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South Africa

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Thank you, Mr. President,

Israel thanks South Africa for the report presented before us today.

Despite some efforts made since its last UPR, South Africa still needs to address many serious deficiencies that remain in the field of human rights, including rise in hate crimes and hate speech and the situation of persons with albinism and LGBTI people.

Israel would like to recommend South Africa the following:

1. To ensure the investigation of all incidents of hate crime and hate speech and to prosecute the perpetrators.
2. To take measures to protect people with albinism and to develop educational campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for diversity.
3. To develop comprehensive policies and programs on gender-based violence, including training of security forces, prosecutors and judges in order to properly deal with those cases.
4. To adopt legislation to prohibit all forms of corporal punishment also in the private sphere.
5. To adopt measures to ensure inclusive education of persons with disabilities.
6. To take steps to ensure prevention, investigation and prosecution of cases of violence against persons based on SOGI.

I thank you Mr. President.