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Thank you, Mr. President,

Israel welcomes the delegation of Guatemala to the UPR, and would like to thank for its report and for conducting national consultations on topics such as violence against women, indigenous people and rights of the child.

Israel recognizes many steps taken by Guatemala since its last UPR, such as the elaboration of the “Our Guatemala 2032” National Development Plan, the Comprehensive Differentiated Health Strategy for Transgender Persons in Guatemala 2016-2030 and the National Strategy to Prevent Chronic Malnutrition 2016-2020; the adoption of the Telematic Surveillance Act in 2016; the approval of the Inter-Agency Commission against trafficking in Persons’s protocol in 2015; and the establishment of the Child Protection System and a Child Pornography Unit within the Office of the Prosecutor.

However, certain challenges remain. Therefore, Israel would like to recommend Guatemala the following:

1. To ensure equal access to justice and the exercise of political rights to people with disabilities.
2. To take measures to improve women representation in decision-making positions in the public sector and to reduce the gender pay gap.
3. To continue to raise awareness regarding the criminal nature of domestic violence and to take measures to prosecute the responsible of such actions.
4. To amend the legislation to penalize hate crimes and crimes of intolerance based on discrimination, especially in cases of race, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Israel wishes Guatemala a successful UPR.

Thank you.