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France

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel would like to welcome France to the UPR. We acknowledge France's longstanding role in promoting and protecting human rights, and thanks it for its report.

Israel would like to make the following two recommendations:

Firstly, as the home of Europe's biggest Jewish community, France plays a key role in the fight against anti-Semitism in Europe. We commend France's implementation of a National Action Plan to combat racism and anti-Semitism until 2017. We would like to recommend to France to ensure that the dedicated national body completes its work on a new Action Plan for 2018-2020, based on a thorough evaluation of its predecessor.

Secondly, recent reports have claimed that more can be done to bring to justice individuals allegedly implicated in the Rwandan Genocide, some of them currently residing in France. Without prejudging the veracity of these claims or the circumstances of each case, Israel can certainly identify with the need to make sure those responsible for genocide do not escape justice. We therefore recommend that France increase its efforts to help ensure accountability of suspected perpetrators of the Genocide in Rwanda.

Finally, Israel would like to wish France a successful UPR.

Thank you.