

## UN Human Rights Council UPR Working Group 30<sup>th</sup> Session, 11 May 2018

## Canada

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Thank you, Mr. President.

Israel warmly welcomes the delegation of Canada to the UPR, and thanks it for its comprehensive national report.

We commend Canada for its sustained commitment to the advancement of the rights of women through the multiple initiatives it promotes, and its leadership on combatting violence against women. We welcome Canada's efforts to address existing challenges related to its indigenous people.

We would like to recommend to Canada the following:

- 1. Consider adopting a national action plan to combat gender-based violence against women.
- 2. Devise innovative policies to bring down existing gender wage gaps.
- 3. Invest in the preservation of endangered aboriginal languages spoken by indigenous people.

Israel would like to take this opportunity to wish Canada every success in its UPR.

Thank you.