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Thank you, Madam President.

Israel welcomes the delegation of Liberia to the third cycle of the Universal Periodic Review. We take note of the broad and inclusive process that enabled the preparation the national report.

We also commend Liberia for the efforts on combating gender-based discrimination through the revised National Gender Policy and the GBV National Action Plan.

In this context, we would like to recommend the following:

- 1) To adopt a comprehensive legislation against discrimination that includes an expanded list of prohibited grounds of discrimination, including national or ethnic origin, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation and gender identity and any other status.
- 2) To criminalize the practice of Female genital mutilation through the appropriate legislation.
- 3) To accelerate the implementation of the Domestic Violence Law and ensure the speedy implementation of the Anti SGBV roadmap that has been endorsed by the Government of Liberia.
- 4) To increase its efforts to implement the National Action Plan against trafficking in persons.

Israel wishes Liberia every success in its UPR.

I thank you.