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**Review of Israel**

**Statement of Ireland**

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Thank you, Mr President,

Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Israel and thanks it for its presentation,

Ireland welcomes Israel's continuing strong record in many areas such as women's participation in public life. Ireland urges Israel to extend progress in relation to the territory under its occupation, and to cooperate with all special procedures mandate holders in that area.

Ireland is concerned about Israel's extensive use of administrative detention without formal charge, including in the occupied Palestinian territory. Detainees must have the right to be informed of the charges underlying any detention, have access to legal assistance, and receive a fair trial. Ireland **recommends** that Israel ensure full respect for international human rights obligations, in particular those specified in article 9 of the ICCPR, towards all prisoners, and that the UNCAT definition of torture be incorporated into Israeli legislation.

We have previously raised concerns about settlements in the occupied territory and East Jerusalem and welcomes Israel's acceptance of some recommendations. However, the expansion of illegal settlements continues. The establishment of settlements violates the rights of the occupied population, through seizure of their land, discriminatory treatment, house demolitions, revocation of residency, and differentiated application of planning laws. Ireland **again recommends** that Israel abide by its international obligations, including under the Fourth Geneva Convention, on the treatment of a civilian population under military occupation.

We wish Israel every success in this UPR cycle.

Thank you.