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Mr. President,

Israel warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the United States of America to the Ninth session of the Universal Periodic Review.

We value and appreciate the U.S.A. significant contribution and longstanding commitment to the advancement and the protection of human rights throughout the world. We welcome their professional report to the UPR, which touches upon core universal values that are relevant both internally and to the international community as a whole. In this regard, the U.S. Constitution constitutes a unique manifestation of a democracy, committed to fundamental freedoms and human rights. As Justice Louis Brandeis once said: "America has believed that in differentiation, not in uniformity, lies the path of progress. It acted on this belief; it has advanced human happiness, and it has prospered".

We welcome the candid and professional engagement of the United States in this exercise and their constructive review of their human rights record. We also note with appreciation the U.S. engagement with numerous stakeholders, including NGOs and its citizenry, in such a comprehensive consultation process.

Mr. President,

The State of Israel submits one (1) recommendation to the United States of America:

We welcome the intense efforts by the United States to undertake all necessary measures to ensure fair and equal treatment of all persons, without regard to sex, race, religion, color, creed, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability, and encourage further steps in this regard.

I would also like to conclude by asking the distinguished delegation to further elaborate on the U.S. experience in human rights education.

I thank you.