

March 24, 2014

His Excellency

Baudelaire Ndong Ella

President of the Human Rights Council

As per your letter dated March 14, 2014, I would like to attach the following statement:

The State of Israel has carefully reviewed the 237 recommendations received during our second cycle Universal Periodic Review (UPR) held on 29 October 2013, which were summarized in the report of the Working Group on the UPR (A/HRC/25/15), and was happy to submit to you our document regarding the State of Israel's Universal Periodic Review - Second Cycle.

As you know, the State of Israel is deeply committed to the UPR. Following the Working Group's report, relevant government ministries, as well as civil society organizations, were consulted in the process of drafting the replies to each of the observations and recommendations received. As a result of these consultations, we were pleased to report that Israel has been able to support 105 recommendations, either in whole or in part.

Unfortunately, due to an on-going labor strike in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, our representatives will not be able to participate in the scheduled dialogue with the Council and to present our views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies. We apologize for the inconvenience and wish to take this opportunity to renew the assurance of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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