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Reply to the statement made by the Syrian Arab Republic

Israel would like to exercise its Right of Reply, in accordance with Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Health Assembly and Rule 9 of the Special Procedures to regulate the conduct of the virtual de minimis meeting of the 73rd World Health Assembly, in response to the statement made by the Syrian Arab Republic.

Israel utterly rejects the claims made by the Syrian representative. The cynical use of this platform for political attacks against Israel should be strongly condemned, as their deplorable allegations have no basis in reality.

The Syrian regime which exercises the most vicious measures against its own people and certainly does not care about their health, not in ordinary days and even more so during the Covid-19 epidemic, should focus on solving its own ills and should not spread false accusations, which constitute blatant incitement. This continuous pattern is constantly harming the serious and genuine discourse that needs to be conducted in this forum, and should stop once and for all.

We ask that our position be made part of the record of the proceedings.