



Mr. Chairman,

The Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, sang: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T, Find out what it means to me!"

This song is an anthem for anyone who has ever felt marginalized or minimized. Every human being craves respect, the opportunity to own a decent living wage, a stable family, and contribute to

When we empower individuals, we strengthen entire societies. There can be no peace, no progress, and no parity unless all people everywhere are afforded equal rights and participation.

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Women all over the world continue to be denied the opportunity to make the most basic

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Israel is committed to sharing its expertise in innovation and entrepreneurship to assist people living at the margins of society. We are expanding the field of venture philanthropy - businesses that turn a profit while providing opportunities and skills to disadvantaged populations, from high school dropouts to disabled adults.

One example is the Liliyot restaurant in Tel Aviv. Considered one of the city's best dining spots, ~~it's not more than a good steak, the most good investment and a good deal. Funded by the~~

Dualis Social Investment Fund, the restaurant employs at-risk youth and trains them to be chefs.

Dualis also funds a program called 'Abilities Solution' which employs persons with disabilities in Israel's booming high-tech industry. Thanks to programs like this, along with awareness