

## Lebanon Statement

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The delegation of Lebanon warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Brazil headed by her Excellency Maria Do Rosario Nunez Minister of human rights and thanks her for her extensive presentation of the informative national report which was prepared as a result of broad consultations within Brazil's institutions and with civil society.

Lebanon has enjoyed historical brotherly relations with Brazil that extend to different aspects and which stand witness to this country's longstanding policies to seek to enable all its citizens whichever descent they are from, indigenous or from all continents of the world to enjoy equal human rights and freedoms.

We commend the unabated commitment of Brazil to the respect and protection of human rights particularly the successive governments' efforts in the last years to reduce poverty and promote social equality. We believe that the decision to give priority to those initiatives aimed at targeting the most vulnerable people would contribute to the sustainability of development programs Brazil embarked on.

We recommend Brazil to share its best practices within that domain at the bilateral and multilateral level.

As regards the government's relentless efforts to combat torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment, we would like to obtain further details on the challenges they were faced with in implementing the optional protocol of the Convention on Prevention of Torture.