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(Intervention by Turkey)

Mr. President,

We would like to thank Ambassador Riachi Assaker and the Lebanese delegation for their presentation.

We appreciate Lebanon's efforts since its first UPR cycle to further develop human rights standards in different areas.

In this regard it is worth mentioning the adoption of the National Human Rights Plan for the years 2014-19. Turkey also commends the passing of the Law on the Protection of Women and Family from Domestic Violence.

In terms of the Syrian refugee crisis, like Turkey, Lebanon is bearing a heavy burden as it shelters more than 1 million refugees. We praise the efforts of the Lebanese people for their generosity and humanity towards the Syrian refugees in their country.

While we welcome the launch of the National Plan for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities in January 2012, we regret that Lebanon has not yet ratified the CRPD. Therefore, we once again **recommend** that Lebanon concludes the ratification process of CRPD.

We continue to note with concern the high number of reported incidents of torture. In this regard Turkey **recommends** that Lebanon defines and criminalizes torture as a matter of priority and amends its legislation accordingly.

Bearing in mind the importance of the right of everyone to recognition before the law, Turkey **recommends** that the Lebanese Government further improves its birth registration system and ensures that this system is accessible to all children born in Lebanon.

Finally, we wish Lebanon all success during its 2nd UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.