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Thank you

Mr President/Vice President

Afghanistan would like to welcome the distinguished delegation of Lebanon to the 23<sup>rd</sup> session of the UPR Working Group and extend its sincere thanks for their insightful presentation and well-elaborated national report which was prepared with an open consultation with the Civil Society.

Afghanistan commends the significant progress made by Lebanon to promote human rights for all its citizens without any distinction. We note with appreciation the steps taken by the Government of Lebanon to intensify its efforts by spreading the culture of human rights through educational curriculum, awareness-raising campaigns and continue efforts to strengthen human rights.

Afghanistan fully understands the difficulties and challenges Lebanon is confronted to, in relation to combating terrorism, we therefore welcome measures taken by Lebanon to fight those threats, at the same time we encourage the Government of Lebanon to ensure the counter-terrorism measures are not in contradiction to the Human right standards and obligations.

Thank You

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