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Mr. President,

Finland wishes to thank Lebanon for its national report and presentation today and, above all, the efforts taken over the last five years to improve the country's human rights situation.

Finland makes the following recommendations:

- 1) We reiterate our previous recommendation that Lebanon should amend its legislation to ensure that Palestinians in Lebanon have the right to inherit and register property, including the right to own land,
- 2) Finland welcomes the adoption of the National Plan for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities. Finland recommends that Lebanon ensures its effective implementation, especially regarding access to education and employment.

In addition to the recommendations made, Finland acknowledges that Lebanon has a remarkable responsibility in hosting refugees and displaced people who have fled both persisting and more acute conflicts. We truly appreciate the support you have given them. While recognizing that the challenge of the latest inflow of displaced people must be addressed by the international community as a whole, we encourage Lebanon to do its utmost in order to provide the newcomers fair treatment and basic services. In particular, we stress the importance of ensuring children's access to education.

With respect to our earlier recommendation to improve the working possibilities of Palestinian refugees, Finland acknowledges the efforts made to facilitate that access but notes that important restrictions prevail and ought to be lifted.

Thank you.