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Bangladesh statement on the UPR of Lebanon

Thank you Mr. President.

We have noted various achievements and progress made in promoting and protecting human rights in Lebanon. Achievements made in promoting women's rights and empowerment, health sector and the National Programme to Support the Poorest Families as part of the Social Action Plan to combat poverty are particularly noteworthy. The poverty measurement tool to assess socioeconomic situation of a family by means of specific indicators can be cited as good practice.

Lebanon kept its doors open for foreign workers, took various actions to ensure the rights of foreign workers, in particular those that ensure providing health coverage complying with international standards. We commend Lebanon for all that and for hosting a huge number of refugees in the country.

Faced with numerous challenges impeding progress in implementation of the recommendations accepted during its first cycle of UPR, Lebanon needed help. And promised international assistance is yet to come. That is deplorable. We appreciate Lebanon's ongoing efforts in promoting and protecting human rights of its citizens and non-citizens despite these challenges.

Before concluding, my delegation recommends that Lebanon:

1. continues efforts to maintain her achievements made in the field of human rights and
2. further strengthens the promotion and protection of rights of foreign workers.
