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Recommendations by Canada for Lebanon's UPR

Recommendations:

Canada recommends that Lebanon:

1. Ensure that the legislation for establishing the National Preventative Mechanism is in line with the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture, to which Lebanon is party. This was a recommendation accepted by Lebanon during its 2010 Universal Periodic Review.
2. Amend personal status laws and develop a comprehensive policy at the national level, consistent with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, to ensure that women are treated in the same way as men in issues related to child custody, inheritance and divorce.
3. Repeal Article 534 of the Lebanese Penal Code, which criminalizes homosexuality, and pass legislation to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.
4. Enforce the 2014 Law to Protect Women and all Members of the Family from Family Violence, criminalize marital rape, and ensure that marriage to the victim does not exempt a sexual offender from punishment.
5. Implement policies focused on the integration of children with special needs into the public education system, adapt buildings, and provide training to teachers and educational staff to promote an enabling and inclusive educational environment.

Observations:

We commend Lebanon's hosting of refugees from neighboring countries. Canada urges Lebanon to take steps to protect refugee and internally displaced women and girls from human-trafficking.

Canada welcomes Lebanon's Decree 8987 of 2012 on the definition of the worst forms of child labour. We encourage Lebanon to take effective measures to implement the National Action Plan swiftly.