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**Review of the Lebanon**

**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the Delegation of Lebanon and we thank you for your presentation today.

We recognize the crucial role that Lebanon plays as host country to a large number of Syrian refugees. We acknowledge the challenges related to the refugee situation and appreciate Lebanon’s continued efforts to promote and protect human rights. In this spirit we have three recommendations.

First, Denmark recommends that the Nationality Law be amended to ensure that women have the right to pass on their nationality to their children and husband.

Secondly, Lebanon is host country to a large number of migrant workers who are not formally integrated in and protected by the Lebanese labor market and therefore at risk of exploitation by employers.

Denmark recommends that the ‘kafala’ sponsorship system with regards to migrant domestic workers is abolished.

Lastly, Denmark recommends that Lebanon establishes a National Prevention Mechanism in accordance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

Thank you