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**German questions and recommendations to  
Lebanon**

**German National Statement**

Mr. President,

Germany welcomes the delegation of the Lebanon to the UPR and thanks for the national report provided to the working group.

Germany welcomes the recent decision of the Lebanese government to allow access to schooling for Syrian refugee children regardless of the legal residency status of their parents and quotas.

The passing of the Law on Protection of Women and Family Members from Domestic Violence last year has been a significant step in the right direction.

Yet, more needs to be done.

Germany therefore wishes to offer the following recommendations:

1. Improve the situation of refugees, particularly by facilitating their registration and by renewing residency permits without fees, by setting up an effective mechanism for birth registration with a view to avoid statelessness of newborn children and by allowing refugees, including Palestinian refugees, access to segments of the official labour market.
2. Incorporate the provisions of the UN Convention against Torture into domestic laws, by inter alia reviewing the definition of torture in accordance with international law and standards and implement the recommendations of the Committee against Torture following the inquiry mission in Lebanon under Art. 20 of the Convention.
3. Review current legislation and amend as necessary all discriminatory provisions against women and lift all reservations to the “Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women” (CEDAW).
4. Transform the de-facto moratorium on the death penalty into an official moratorium with a view to fully abolishing the death penalty.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**Questions submitted in advance:**

1. What is the position of the Government of Lebanon regarding the conclusion of a new memorandum of understanding with the UNHCR in order to provide an adequate administrative framework to enhance protection of refugees?
2. What inspection mechanisms are in place to prevent abuses and ensure regular payment of wages and decent working conditions for migrant domestic workers?
3. What is the position of the Lebanese Government regarding the abolition of military jurisdiction over civilians?