

UPR 23<sup>rd</sup> Session  
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Review of Lebanon  
Intervention by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Lebanon to the 23<sup>rd</sup> UPR Session and to note with appreciation the progress achieved in some areas despite difficult circumstances. We would like to commend Lebanon on the recent development of a “**National Human Rights Plan 2014-2019**” with regard to the Lebanese State’s compliance with international treaties and promotion of respects of human rights in the country. Furthermore, the creation of an independent national standing committee against torture according to the provisions of the CAT optional protocol has been a significant step towards this direction.

We also welcome the first ever provision made in the Middle East for the participation of women and men with disabilities in 2012 general elections and the recent adoption of the ten-year “**National Strategy for Women**” (2011-2021). We appreciate the adoption of measures to combat child labour via the enactment of a “**National Plan to Eliminate the Worst Forms of Child Labour by 2016**”. As regards the issue on migration, we also understand the dimensions and the challenges posed by the refugee flows in Lebanon, particularly from Syria and we encourage Lebanon to continue its efforts to deal effectively with this unprecedented situation.

We would like to submit the following **recommendations**:

- To continue efforts on achieving gender equality and fighting against human trafficking
- To take further steps to ensure the protection of persons with disabilities

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish to the Lebanese Delegation and our Lebanese colleagues all the best for the implementation of the recommendations that they will receive today and their overall efforts to enhance the protection of human rights in their country.

Thank you Mr President