



Statement by H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva at the United Nations Human Rights Council - 23th Session of the Universal Periodic Review
LEBANON
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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Lebanon on the occasion of the presentation of its second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation acknowledges the great efforts made by Lebanon and its people in welcoming Syrian refugees, hosting the highest rate of registered refugees per inhabitant in the world. We are also pleased to note the positive steps of the Country in the field of gender equality, with the adoption of the Domestic Violence Law and of the National Strategy for Women, and we are glad to acknowledge the presence of a balanced and peaceful coexistence of religious diversity in Lebanon.

My Delegation would like to present the following recommendations:

1. To continue its laudable efforts to give shelter to refugees and, through the involvement of UNHCR, to provide an effective administrative system for their registration and protection.
2. To continue making progress towards a more efficient functioning of government institutions, continuing the fight against corruption and promoting transparency.
3. To provide comprehensive and effective protection against cases of torture and accountability of perpetrators, in particular for persons in detention or prison facilities.
4. To ban child marriage.

Thank you Mr. President