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Statement by Hungary on Lebanon
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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of Lebanon and thank them for the national report and the verbal update.

We are fully aware of the difficult political and security situation prevailing in the country, therefore the achievements in the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the efforts to create an inclusive preparatory process for the current national report, are all the more appreciated.

Under the current difficult circumstances, while highly evaluating the outstanding efforts by the Lebanese government to maintain stability in the country, with respect to human rights of Lebanese citizens we also note the shortcomings of the judicial system and the law enforcement agencies. Being committed to support the Lebanese government and its authorities in their endeavour to enhance the rule of law in the country, we **recommend** the amendment of relevant national legislation in line with the Convention against Torture.

We also **recommend** improving the conditions for fair trial by introducing reforms to limit the Military Tribunal's jurisdiction to members of the armed forces and to enhance the independence of the judiciary.

In conclusion, Hungary welcomes the National Human Rights Action Plan. We are convinced that an independent National Human Rights Institution would greatly enhance its implementation, and based on our own positive experience we **recommend** the creation of a NHRI in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Thank you, Mr. President!