**Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran**

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**Review of Lebanon**

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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of Lebanon to the second cycle of the UPR.  My delegation commend active participation of Lebanon in the UPR mechanism and the information given to the WG on the progress made on the implementation of first cycle recommendations.

We also welcome the efforts made by the Lebanese authorities,  since the adoption of the first report to implement the universal periodic review recommendations that Lebanon accepted.

There has been considerable progress in recent years in the area of human rights in Lebanon. Launching the National Human Rights Plan by the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights for the period 2014 to 2019 and development of partnerships and cooperation programmes with governmental bodies, national institutions and Lebanese civil society organizations are commendable.

**Mr. President,**

We offer the following recommendations to Lebanon respectfully:

- To continue its efforts to protect persons with disabilities including awareness-raising campaigns about the rights of people with disabilities;

- To promote the training of the personnel of the public sector in the field of human rights.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**