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Mr. President,

Slovakia thanks the delegation of Lebanon for the comprehensive overview of the human rights situation. We take positive note of the adoption of the National Human Rights Plan 2014-2019 and encourage to its implementation.

We note the legislative and institutional progress since the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by Lebanon. There are, however, certain areas where more action is required such as the right and access to education.

The death penalty remains a potential sanction for certain crimes. We invite the Government to establish an official moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

While commending the Government for the adoption of the law on protection of women from domestic violence, we invite the authorities to amend the existing legislative framework so that it ensures protection of women from psychological, economic and sexual abuse.

We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Lebanon:

- 1. Take adequate measures to ensure full compatibility of national legislation with the provisions and principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols.**
- 2. Ensure equitable and sustainable resources to education.**
- 3. Consider the establishment of an independent mechanism for children (Ombudsperson) and provide it with necessary human and financial resources.**

Thank you.