



**STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA**  
**Review of Lebanon**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group of the Human Rights Council**  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Lebanon to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

2. We appreciate Lebanon's frank and open approach with regard to its UPR process. We note that despite the political and security challenges within Lebanon and the Middle East region, the Lebanese Government has taken various efforts to implement the recommendations that it has accepted during its first Review.

3. We are pleased to note that the two recommendations by Malaysia concerning national-level coordination on the implementation of treaty obligations and demining activities were accepted by Lebanon during its first Review, and note the efforts and progress made by Lebanon in these areas. We note positively that the Lebanese Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights had launched the National Human Rights Plan in December 2012, covering the period from 2014 to 2019. We also acknowledge Lebanon's continued cooperation with UN agencies to deal with and improve the situation of refugees in the country.

4. While progress has been made, challenges remain as highlighted in the report. In this regard, and in the spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to **recommend** that Lebanon to continue its positive efforts in ensuring effective implementation of its National Human Rights Plan, including by seeking necessary technical and financial assistance to achieve this goal.

5. We wish Lebanon every success in its second cycle UPR.

Thank you, Mr. President.

**GENEVA**  
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