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Statement by Ms. Gladice Pickering – Legal Attaché, during the Interactive Debates on the Universal Periodic Review of Lebanon, 02 November 2015, 14h30 – 18h00

Mr. President,

Namibia welcomes the delegation of the Lebanon to the 23rd Session of the UPR and commends them on the presentation of their national report for this review.

Namibia is mindful of the challenges facing the Government of Lebanon with the situation involving refugees and displaced persons, and commends the initiatives taken, including the right of Palestinian refugees to employment and improvement of their working conditions.

We are also pleased to note the adoption of the legislation on **Protection of women and other family members from domestic violence** in April 2014.

Namibia makes the following recommendations:

1. That Lebanon considers ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR and establishes a de jure moratorium on the death penalty with the view of total abolition thereof.
2. That Lebanon establishes a National Institution for Human Rights in accordance with the Paris Principles.
3. That Lebanon takes steps to withdraw its reservations to the CEDAW.

We wish Lebanon all the best during their review.

I thank you Mr. President