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Statement by Pakistan for the UPR of Lebanon

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Mr. President,

My delegation would like to thank the delegation of Lebanon for the presentation of its 2nd national report on UPR.

We appreciate the steps taken by Lebanon for the protection and promotion of human rights in the last 4 years. It is encouraging to note that it has made concerted efforts to implement majority of the recommendations received during the 1st cycle of the UPR.

We commend that inspite of difficulties, Lebanon has hosted half a million Palestinian refugees since 1948 and currently hosts more than a million and a half Syrian displaced persons in its territory, a number equivalent to almost half of its own population. We believe that Lebanon's efforts to combat terrorism, engagement with Treaty Bodies, visits by Special Procedures, National Program for Local Socioeconomic Development, National Social Development Strategy, establishment of a National Agency for Disability Affairs, Code of Conduct for the Directorate General of Internal Security Forces, Act No. 164 on Punishment of the Crime of Trafficking in Persons and Act No. 293 on Protection of Women and Other Family Members from Domestic Violence, among others, would further contribute to the protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue to implement the National Plan for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities; and

2. Continue to implement National Strategy for Women (2011-2021) for promoting women empowerment.

I thank you.