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UPR of Lebanon
Statement by the Republic of Poland

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Mr. President,

The delegation of Poland would like to thank the delegation of Lebanon for the presentation of their national report. We acknowledge the Lebanese government's engagement in the UPR process and support for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Poland recognizes the achievements of the National Ten-Year Strategy for Women's Affairs in Lebanon (2011-2021) and notes significant progress Lebanon had achieved increasing the age of compulsory education from 12 to 15 years.

At the same time, Poland would like to encourage the Government to strengthen its efforts to improve the functioning of the education system, particularly by increasing the school enrolment rates, and to protect street children from the worst forms of child labour, and expresses its deep concern about the situation of women and adolescent girls and boys, single heads of households and child mothers who constantly experience domestic violence, sexual harassment and exploitation.

Notwithstanding, Poland noticed the Lebanese courts continuously imposing death sentences, aptly without executing.

We recommend Lebanon to:

- **to accede to and implement the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court in national legislation;**
- **to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.**

I thank you.