

**Statement of Lebanon during the 48th session of the UPR Working Group**

**ITALY**

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Thank you Mr. President,

Lebanon warmly welcomes Italian high-level delegation and highly commends Italy for its promotion of International Humanitarian Law through its contribution to Peace-Keeping operations, including UNIFIL in Southern Lebanon.

We note with interest the strenghthening of anti-corruption legal frameworks, and the adoption of legislative, institutional and policy measures for increasing the protection of economic, social and cultural rights.

In a constructive spirit, Lebanon would like to recommend Italy:

1. To intensify efforts to fight human trafficking, through the adopted National Plan and its multi-level governmental approach;

2. To fully implement the new National Action Plan for combatting all forms of Racism, Xenophobia and related intolerance, especially against Ethnic minorities and migrant communities, and to efficiently combat hate speech;

3. To continue combatting violence against women and domestic violence, including through early detection and by promoting financial autonomy of women.

In conclusion, Lebanon wishes Italy all success in its review.

I thank you, Mr. President.

**(1 minute speaking time, 22/125 speaker)**