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**Statement by the Delegations of Somalia,**

**Mr. Hussen Abdi Musa, First Counsellor**

**at the Review of** **the Republic of Lebanon, during the 37th Session of the UPR Working Group on Monday, 18, 2021 from 14:30PM to 18:00PM, in the Assemble Hall of the Palais des Nations in Geneva (Speaker Number 71, Time: 1 minute 05 second**

**Thank you, Madam President.**

Somalia warmly welcomes the delegation of Lebanon to this UPR working group and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We welcome the government’s efforts to ensure the protection and promotion of human rights throughout the country and its genuine cooperation with the United Nations human rights mechanism. This is clearly illustrated by various law and legislation enacted since its last UPR review and also by the government’s cooperation with the regional office of the OHCHR in disseminating human rights norms and principles within the relevant institutions as well as civil society organizations.

We also commend the efforts of Lebanese state in hosting a large number of Syrian and Palestinian refugees despite many challenges. In this regard we wish to encourage the international community to support this endeavor.

In a constructive spirit, Somalia recommends Lebanon:

1. Strengthen the capacities of law enforcement officers on the principles of human rights.
2. Continue efforts to combat poverty and improve the lives of vulnerable groups, in particular women, young girls, and elderly people.

Lastly, We wish the delegation of Lebanon a successful review.

I thank you Madam President.