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**Lebanon**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Lebanon for its presentation.

We commend the Government of Lebanon for its national report.

We note that the recommendations provided by the Czech Republic in the previous UPR cycle are yet to be fully implemented. In this respect, **we recommend that the Government of Lebanon**:

1. Implements the Anti-Torture Law and binding international treaties, including by operationalizing the National Preventative Mechanism.
2. Revises Article 534 of the Penal Code so that its scope is clearly defined and that it does not discriminate against persons on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender identity.
3. Takes effective measures in order to accelerate the increase in the representation of women in all spheres of public and political life. Amends its legislation so that it treats equally all women and men with respect to marriage, divorce and inheritance rights as well as conferring citizenship to their children and spouses.
4. Bans child marriages and amends Law 422 of 2002 on the protections of minors in conflict with the law in order to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility in compliance with international standards.

Thank you.