**37th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF LEBANON**

**Statement of Croatia**

Thank you.

Croatia welcomes the delegation of the Lebanese Republic and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We acknowledge challenges faced by the society and the authorities of Lebanon in the aftermath of the humanitarian tragedy caused by the explosion in the port of Beirut in August 2020.

Despite serious challenges, in order to build a more resilient society, recovery efforts must be based on human rights.

We remain concerned with the level of protection of the rights of the child and therefore we repeat and clarify our previous **recommendation** which, although supported, was not acted upon.

We **recommend** to Lebanon:

1. Prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings and raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 18.
2. Lift reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
3. Implement the Anti-Torture Law and binding international treaties, including by operationalizing the National Preventative Mechanism.

Croatia encourages Lebanon to take further efforts in view of implementing reforms as well as the UPR recommendations.

We wish Lebanon a successful review session.

Thank you.