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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Lebanon UPR recommendations

The Human Rights Council in Geneva has adopted the, second national report of Lebanon within the framework of the universal periodic review of the human rights situation on 16/3/2016, the Lebanese Government approved 130 recommendations and confiscated 89 was noted and two were rejected.

Khiam rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture welcoming initial approval of recommendations already approved by Lebanon in 2010 review but most are not implemented, it confirms that the recommendations noted by Lebanon is the essence of the struggle of the civil society, chronic demands, so we demand first to implement the 130 recommendations and define a timetable for the implementation and organize a dialogue with civil society and to establish a regulatory mechanism for follow-up and preparation of required projects in order not to repeat the experience of the first periodic review 2010. Second we call to Review the decision of Lebanon from the noted recommendations and to approve them because there are the basic demands for civil society movement.

Khiam Rehabilitation center For Victims of Torture in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for human rights and with the participation of the parliamentary human rights Commission a workshop in Beirut on 14/4/2016 on Lebanon's report to the Human Rights Council, after studying the recommendations and scheduling them we raise the most important recommendations hoping that Government and the Parliament start a national parliamentary workshop and the preparation of projects to be implemented to enhance the rights of citizens and to meet its obligations at the Human Rights Council and the international community, some recommendations are:

- Signature and ratification of international conventions and protocols and the abolition
- Activating the national plan for human rights and incorporated into the recommendations of the review and adoption of the law on the establishment of a national institution and to be necessary legislation.
- Develop a clear legal framework that guarantees legal protection for Palestine refugees and to amend the law labor and issue the necessary regulations to allow entry into the labor market and giving them the right to benefit from social security.
- Amend trafficking law 164/2011 to protect victims and drop criminal responsibility.
- Strengthen the independence of the judiciary and end the arbitrary detention and lack of trial of civilians from the military court.
- The abolition of the death penalty and the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and political rights.
- The Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the rights of the child on the involvement of children in armed conflicts.
- To establish a permanent inter-ministerial Committee to follow-up the international recommendations and to continue submitting the periodic reports.
- Amendment of the Lebanese nationality law to ensure full equality between women and men dedicated right of Lebanese women to pass their nationality to her husband and her children.
- Remove all notifications putted by Lebanon on the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against Women "CEDAW" and ratification of the Protocol to the Convention.
- The issuance of a law to criminalize torture and establish a national preventive mechanism for preventing torture and the rehabilitation of victims and the implementation of the recommendations of the Committee against torture following its visit to Lebanon.

- Amend the law on domestic violence and criminalizing of sexual violence and raise notifications on CEDAW.
 - Adoption of series ranks and salaries and the right of employees in the public sector to engage in a committee and correct wages and ensure aging security.
 - Adoption of the law on the missing and disappeared.
 - Accelerating trials and building prisons according to international standards and transferring its management to the Ministry of Justice and the improvement of detention centers.
 - The implementation of the law for persons with Disabilities 220/2000 and insuring necessary decree including a merge, adopting buildings, health, education .
 - Non-use of force and firearms during peaceful demonstrations.
 - Dialogue with civil society and the legal protection of human rights defenders.
 - Ensure the democratic typographer of Lebanon by holding local and parliamentary and Presidency elections.
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