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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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The rights of women, children, people with special needs and the refugee issue

Murder and violence against women are a general phenomenon because of the structure of the social system and the discriminatory laws that make women targets in the home, work, street, absence of punishments and the last victim was a woman killed by her brother in Minyeh on 16 November 2018. It is true that the law of Protection of Women and Other Members For families was approved on 2014 but it still have gaps. For example, five years after the death of Rola Yaacoub the final decision in the Criminal Court of Northern Lebanon acquitted the accused of killing, her husband Karam al-Bazi (for lack of evidence), Resolution issued on 30/10/2018 and there is an increase of injustice and discrimination against women grabbing their children by force and repeated in two cases during November 2018, based on outdated laws of sharia courts, and denying citizenship to the children of women married to foreigners, and the marriage of minors devastating for the family, childhood and child labour, about one hundred thousand children. The appointment of a minister for women's affairs is an important step but remains formal if Lebanon does not lift reservations to CEDAW and adopt a unified law on personal status.

People with special needs

- Issuing practical decrees and mechanism for the implementation of Law 220/2000 to include education, integration, building, head , work from 18 year ago and not implemented till now.
 - The Ministry of Labour legislates the adoption of executive decrees to facilitate the entry of the Palestinian refugee into the normal, administrative and vocational labour market and to amend legislation that prevents refugees from owning real estate and establishing a legal framework that guarantees legal protection for Palestinian refugees.
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