Accepted UPR Recommendations: An Opportunity for Action and Engagement

A state has a responsibility to implement all recommendations it has accepted before the Human Rights Council as a demonstration of their commitment to protecting and promoting Human Rights. Following the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Lebanon in November 2015 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for November 2020, Lebanon has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). 

1. Implement action-oriented measures to strengthen protection and promotion of women’s rights in the areas of health and combating violence against women. Continue the search for measures to address the high cost of health services and the existing quality disparity in the market for such services. Take further steps to ensure the protection of persons with disabilities.

2. Continue to promote gender equality and the involvement of women in public services. Continue its efforts to combat domestic violence, sexual harassment and exploitation of women, in particular adolescents, women heads of households without a partner and girls with children. Continue with efforts to empower women economically, politically and socially, and take all necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women.

3. Improve the situation of the foreign workers including female domestic workers as they constitute a vulnerable group. Identify, protect and support victims of trafficking and forced labour. Pursue efforts to ensure that labour relations between workers and employers are in line with international labour standards.

4. Speed up the establishment of the National Independent Commission for Human Rights which includes the establishment of a permanent national committee to prevent torture, in accordance with the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture. Consider establishing a permanent inter-ministerial committee responsible for the implementation of its international human rights obligations. Improve prison conditions by strengthening preventive measures to protect prisoners from ill-treatment and torture and investigating allegations of abuse. Continue efforts in the fight against terrorism including assistance to victims of terrorism. Raise the age of criminal responsibility of children from 7 to 12 years, as recommended by the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Continue making progress towards a more efficient functioning of government institutions, continuing the fight against corruption and promoting transparency.