

THE SDGs AND HUMAN RIGHTS

STATUS OF UPR RECOMMENDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

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LEBANON

Universal Periodic Review Fast Facts ⁽¹⁾

- **Last Review:** 2 November 2015 (2nd Cycle); **Final Report of the Working Group:** 22 December 2015 (A/HRC/31/5)
- **Mid-Term Reporting:** May 2018
- **National Consultation:** May 2019
- **NGO Report Drafting:** January 2020 – March 2020
- **Next Review:** November 2020

Status of Core International Human Rights Conventions in Lebanon ⁽²⁾

KEY	Ratified
	Ratified with Declarations
	Ratified with Reservations
	Ratified with Reservations and Declarations
	Signed but not Ratified
	No Action
Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (CAT)	Ratified
International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (CCPR)	Ratified with Reservations
International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)	Ratified with Reservations and Declarations
Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)	Ratified
Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)	Signed but not Ratified
International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)	No Action
Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED)	No Action
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)	No Action
Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (CCPR-OP2-DP)	No Action
International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)	No Action

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): ^{(3) (4)}



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.



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.



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.



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.