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Madam President,

On behalf of this Delegation, allow me to express our sincere appreciation to N ew Zealand for their active role as Coordinator on National Implementation M easures.

As stated in previous meetings, Lebanon has undertaken major steps towards national implementation of the CCM. Among steps taken was a comprehensive review of relevant legislations; Moreover, a legal study on how best to align e xisting laws with the Convention was carried between 2012 and 2013. This st udy that identified a number of recommendations on the provisions of prohibi tion and victim assistance was shared with relevant stakeholders at the nation al level. We are determined to continue our engagement with the relevant part ies in an inclusive participatory manner in order to ensure harmony between Lebanese laws and the CCM.

Madam President,

As you may all well know, Lebanon currently faces big challenges as a result of the turmoil in the region; nonetheless, it stands committed to its obligations. I n this regard, a series of consultative sessions with our national partners were held, as to integrate views on the CCM national implementation. This will eve ntually lead to a national action plan and we look forward to update you on th e process.

Thank you