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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, in the course of its 92nd session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Lebanon, pursuant to Rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the timely submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 16 and 36 of the Concluding Observations (CERD/C/LBN/CO/18-22), adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> periodic reports, at its 90<sup>th</sup> session in August 2016.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party, and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> periodic reports to be submitted in a single document on 12 December 2018.

**Paragraph 16 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee regrets the lack of information on paragraph 16 of the concluding observations (CERD/C/LBN/CO/18-22) on the delay in the adoption of the national human rights plan and the establishment of a national human rights institution. The Committee reiterates its requests for information on measures taken by the State party to implement paragraph 16 of its concluding observations.

**Paragraph 36 of the Concluding Observations:** The Committee regrets the lack of information on paragraph 36 of the concluding observations (CERD/C/LBN/CO/18-22) on restrictions on access to education on the ground of

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nationality or migration status and deprivation of residence permits owing to nonenrolment in schools. The Committee reiterates its requests for information on measures taken by the State party to implement paragraph 36 of its concluding observations.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Lebanon, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

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