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To note: assessment limited to supported recommendations only

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
<i>Theme: Ratification of & accession to international instruments</i>			
150.15 Intensify efforts towards the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict, within set timelines (Botswana);	Supported	Not implemented	UNICEF will work with the Resident Coordinator and other members of the Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) Working Group to include the CRC-OP-AC ratification into the advocacy plan currently being developed
150.22 Consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and implementing the necessary policies and legislative framework to protect the rights of children with disabilities, with particular regard to children living in poverty, in particular children of Palestinian and Syrian refugees (Argentina);	Supported	Partially implemented The CRPD was ratified in 2025, but children with disabilities, especially from refugee communities, continue to face exclusion and discrimination.	UNFPA Lebanon supported the government of Lebanon in the development of a National Disability Strategy that's based on the Principles of the Convention which includes a chapter on inclusive education, this served as a tool to advocate for the ratification of the convention UNHCR provides support and services to vulnerable refugee children with disabilities in line with the LRP. This includes case management, psychosocial support, cash assistance and specialized services. UNICEF has been advocating with the government and through relevant coordination mechanisms for the ratification of the Convention, while ensuring inclusion of Palestinian and Syrian refugees.
150.23 Consider ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the earliest time possible (India) (Azerbaijan);	Supported	Fully implemented The President of the Republic of Lebanon signed the instrument of ratification on 10 April 2025, with the depositary notifications duly effected on 5 June 2025. The CRPD and Optional Protocol enter into force for Lebanon on 5 July 2025 in accordance with its article 45 (2) CRPD and article 13(2) OP-CRPD, respectively	

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150.24 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto (Mozambique) (Poland);	Supported	Fully implemented	
150.25 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Japan);	Supported	Fully implemented	
150.27 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and take necessary steps to ensure an inclusive education for children with disabilities (Turkey);	Supported	Fully implemented Inclusive education policy adopted, and a costed roadmap developed in close coordination with organisations of people with disabilities.	
150.33 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Honduras) (Japan);	Supported	Not implemented	
Theme: Cooperation & Follow up with Treaty Bodies			
150.8 Adopt an open, merit-based process when selecting national candidates for United Nations treaty body elections (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);	Supported	Not enough information	
150.14 Continue the existing cooperation with the Human Rights Council and its special procedures mechanisms (Tunisia);	Supported	Fully implemented	
Theme: Inter-State cooperation and assistance			
150.276 Continue to work with the international community to find durable solutions to the displacement crisis and to facilitate the return of displaced persons to their own country (Bangladesh);	Supported	On 16 July 2025, Lebanon's council of Ministers adopted a Return Plan for Syrian refugees, drafted by the Inter-Ministerial Committee. The plan, aligned with international human rights standards and was shaped through extensive discussions with UNHCR, UN agencies, NGOs and donors. It is now being implemented by the Ministry of Social affairs. The government and UNHCR have also set up coordination frameworks to oversee safe and voluntary returns.	UNHCR has supported the voluntary return program. UNHCR's position on return is guided by the principles of voluntariness, safety and dignity and further elaborated in the Position on return to Syria from December 2024.

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Theme: Constitutional & legislative framework			
150.16 Implement the anti-torture law and binding international treaties, including by operationalizing the national preventive mechanism (Czechia);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.30 Accelerate the parliamentary discussion for a prompt ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons From Enforced Disappearance (Uruguay);	Supported	Not implemented	
150.45 Promote a national solidarity policy and strengthen national cohesion to confront the political, economic and social challenges that Lebanon faces (Algeria);	Supported	Not implemented	
150.48 Implement the anti-torture law and binding international treaties, including by operationalizing the national preventive mechanism (Croatia);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.49 Amend law No. 62 to ensure that the national preventive mechanism can carry out its mandate effectively and independently, with a sufficient budget and full transparency in its work (Denmark);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.143 Approve and implement laws to strengthen the independence of the judiciary in accordance with international standards (Norway);	Supported	Partially implemented Recent efforts have included a 2025 draft law on the independence of the judicial judiciary, approved by the government, and currently under parliamentary review	
Theme: Legal & institutional reform			
150.47 Continue serious steps towards the reform process and the promotion of human rights (Yemen);	Supported	Partially implemented	
Theme: National Human Rights Institution (NHRI)			

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150.54 Strengthen further the national human rights commission including through the provision of the requisite resources (Pakistan);	Supported	Partially implemented State budget is now being allocated to NHRC	
150.57 Continue efforts aimed at developing institutional structures for human rights and international humanitarian law (Bahrain);	Supported	Partially implemented	
Theme: Equality & non-discrimination			
150.67 Increase community buy-in and implementation by enhancing its awareness-raising activities at all levels of society on the key aspects of its national strategy for gender equality, working with international partners on these goals as appropriate (Singapore);	Supported	Fully implemented (implementation ongoing) At national level, and under the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) Framework 2024/2025, the Gender Working Group (GWG) is a multi-partner coordination forum (including the government alongside UN, NGO and development partners) that works across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus on key issues related to gender inequality as well as on the reform, policy, and institutional levels disseminating knowledge on key gender-sensitive policy and planning. In addition, to track the implementation of the national commitments on Women, Peace and Security agenda, the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) established an online reporting system on Activity Info to report on Lebanon's National Action Plan (LNAP) on WPS commitments.	The GWG is co-chaired by UN Women and UNDP. UN Women has further been supporting the establishment of the Lebanese National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security online reporting system through Activity Info supporting outreach and dissemination to communities and civil society organizations, including women-led organizations.
150.172 Continue efforts to strengthen equality between men and women and to counter human trafficking (Russian Federation);	Supported	Partially implemented In May 2025, the Council of Ministers (COM) recently adopted standard operating procedures to identify, assist, and protect victims. The COM must now work towards operationalizing these SOPs. The creation of an inter-ministerial committee and an operational counter-trafficking task force will support these efforts.	

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150.179 Continue efforts to overcome the current and emerging challenges in order to further promote the enjoyment of human rights of its people, especially the rights of women, children and persons from other vulnerable groups (Viet Nam);	Supported	Partially implemented Notable progress includes the Supreme Islamic Sharia Council's 2021 decision to raise the minimum marriage age to 18 (with judicial exceptions), as well as the expansion of protection services for women and girls through national initiatives and UN-supported programs. However, major gaps remain, including the inequality between men and women under the personal status laws and the exclusion of migrant workers from labor protections under the Kafala system.	
150.269 Combat discrimination against migrant workers and refugees (Luxembourg);	Supported	Not implemented Law 221/2021 allowed Palestinian refugees to work in nursing, though it remains one of 39 professions still banned or heavily restricted. Reforming the Kafala system and labor laws is essential to protect migrant workers from exploitation. The General Security Office's 2017 decision permits Syrian refugees registered with UNHCR to renew residency using their registration certificate but excludes those found working, classifying them as migrants instead.	
150.271 Take necessary measures to ensure that effective protection against discrimination in all aspects of their employment is provided to all migrant domestic workers (Nepal);	Supported	Not implemented As indicated above, reform to KAFALA and labor laws is needed to ensure effective protection against discrimination. Furthermore, there is a need to raise awareness among private recruiters about the risks and consequences of trafficking, to implement ethical recruitment practices, and to establish mechanisms for reporting suspicious activities.	
Theme: Human rights & climate change			

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<p>150.96 Intensify efforts to develop and strengthen the necessary legislative frameworks, address cross-sectoral environmental challenges, including climate change adaptation and mitigation frameworks, and ensure that women, children, persons with disabilities and indigenous and local communities are meaningfully engaged in this implementation (Fiji);</p>	Supported	Not implemented	<p>UN-Habitat Lebanon, together with ESCWA and UNICEF, is implementing a project in Zahle to boost the resilience of displaced people and host communities to climate-related water challenges through innovative, climate- and gender-responsive urban planning.</p> <p>Separately, through the REMAL project funded by Germany's BMUV, UN-Habitat is working to reduce marine litter by supporting coastal municipalities and the national government in enforcing Lebanon's Integrated Solid Waste Management Law. This includes developing master plans for six coastal areas and drafting national policy recommendations on waste and marine litter management.</p>
Theme: Prohibition of torture & ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)			
<p>150.56 Step up its efforts to fully operationalize the national human rights institution and the committee for the prevention of torture, in order to combat impunity and ensure appropriate judicial procedures (Republic of Korea);</p>	Supported	Partially implemented	
<p>150.105 Uphold the principle of non-refoulement as per commitments under the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Netherlands);</p>	Supported	Partially implemented	
<p>150.124 Bring the anti-torture law into compliance with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and ensure its full implementation (Estonia);</p>	Supported	Not implemented In March 2022, Lebanon's Human Rights Parliamentary Committee revisited proposed amendments to Law No. 65/2017, aiming to align it with international human rights standards. The proposed amendments have not been adopted to date.	
<p>150.126 Fully implement the 2017 anti-torture law (Italy);</p>	Supported	Partially implemented	

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150.127 Comply with domestic and international anti-torture obligations, including by increasing oversight and investigative capabilities (Australia);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.128 Continue the necessary steps to consistently implement the anti-torture law (Romania);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.139 Establish an independent complaints mechanism empowered to investigate acts of torture and ill-treatment (Luxembourg);	Supported	Partially implemented The Lebanese National Human Rights Commission including the Committee for the Prevention of Torture (NHRC-CPT) has the mandate to receive and handle complaints of human rights violations, including those related to torture and other cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment. However, the NHRC/CPT is significantly under resourced, impacting their full operational potential	
150.140 Ensure that all reported acts of torture and ill-treatment against law enforcement officers are investigated promptly and impartially (Montenegro);	Supported	Partially implemented	
Theme: Conditions of detention			

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<p>150.117 Continue to improve the living conditions of prisoners and meet their demands and essential needs (Libya);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented Remains subject to the availability of funds and to predefined criteria that limits comprehensive coverage of needs</p> <p>The overcrowding coupled with the lack of resources (human, financial and material) all hinder the improvement.</p>	<p>WHO is monitoring population health through MoPH support for data generation; automation of the hospital based CVRS and causes of deaths system; periodic studies (NCDS survey, Global school health survey, Cancer registry data analysis, patient satisfaction surveys on selected services, Cluster surveys to verify access and coverage to vaccines, GIS data base update to assess equitable distribution and availability of health facilities and services</p> <p>UNODC is supporting through conducting small scale refurbishments to improve detention conditions. In addition, UNODC provides health kits to all prisons in Lebanon.</p> <p>UNICEF is providing clothing kits and hygiene items to the boys detained in Roumieh prison to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases.</p>
<p>150.132 Continue taking steps aimed at improving the functioning of the penitentiary system (Russian Federation);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented Remains subject to the availability of funds and to predefined criteria that limits comprehensive coverage of needs</p>	<p>WHO is supporting the integration of the dispensary within Roumieh prison WHO has further supported with the development of an electronic health record to monitor inmates and detainees' health. A program for screening for Non communicable diseases and Mental health has also established</p> <p>UNODC supports the prison system through the provision of essential materials to ensure continuity of functions.</p>

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<p>150.181 Continue the process of improving the living conditions of people deprived of their liberty, with an emphasis on rehabilitation and social reintegration programmes (Cuba);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>WHO provides support to foster the achievements in Roumieh prison and to expand the support to prisons beyond Roumieh prison to improve access to timely and quality care for inmates and detainees. Focus on NCDs and Mental health in the interventions</p> <p>UNODC supports rehabilitation and crime prevention programmes within detention.</p> <p>UNICEF provides through its case management program support for the children who are released from prison and other places of detention through specialized services including rehabilitation and reintegration support.</p> <p>UNHCR: Between 2021 and 2025, UNHCR supported the ISF and detention centers by providing hygiene kits for staff, cleaning supplies for detention centers and stationery for courthouses and offices. It also conducted health awareness sessions during COVID-19 and the cholera outbreak to improve hygiene and preventative measures in detention settings.</p>
<p><i>Theme: Good governance & corruption</i></p>			
<p>150.61 Continue efforts aimed at combating corruption in the public sector and promote the role of the national anti-corruption authority (Egypt);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p>	<p>Following its appointment, the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) received UNDP support to advance its operationalization. UNDP provided office supplies, rehabilitated the eight-floor premises, and helped develop NACC's action plan and Communication Strategy. It also supported the establishment of processes for Asset and Interest Declaration submissions and handling access to information complaints. Due to delays in staff recruitment by the government and Civil Service Board, NACC remains reliant on volunteers.</p>

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150.62 Make a determined effort to strengthen governmental institutions, pursuing justice and accountability, while combating corruption at all levels (Holy See);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNDP is supporting the Ministerial and Technical Anti-Corruption Committees to implement Lebanon's National Anti-Corruption Strategy (2020-2025), and draft the 2026-2030 strategy. Under the strategy's preventative measures, UNDP is helping Beirut's Execution Court apply a corruption risk management methodology to improve case distribution. Support is also provided to task teams reviewing Lebanese laws for compliance with the UN Convention Against Corruption, though no initiatives are being implemented yet.
150.63 Improve the multisectoral approach to promote transparency and efforts to combat corruption (Indonesia);	Supported	Partially implemented.	UNDP worked with the Ministry of Social Affairs in 2020 to integrate its Sectoral Corruption Risk Management Methodology (SCRM) into processes for beneficiary selection, planning and resource allocation, and service provision. More recently UNDP supported the Lebanese University in applying SCRM to admissions, staff recruitment and procurement. UNDP is also helping the Ministry of Economy and Trade, the Ministry of Industry and the Beirut Execution Court integrate SCRM in different departments.
150.64 Scale up efforts in the fight against corruption and poverty (Nigeria);	Supported	Partially implemented.	UNDP is providing support to the Ministerial and Technical Anti-Corruption committees towards the implementation of Lebanon's National Anti-Corruption Strategy (2020-2025), and the development of the (2026-2030) strategy. It is also helping the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) become fully operational, including support with integrity education, enforcing the Access to Information and Whistleblower Protection Laws, and establishing the Asset and Interest Declaration system.
150.65 Continue making progress towards the more efficient performance of government institutions, including by continuing to combat corruption and enhancing transparency (Oman);	Supported	Partially implemented.	Same as above
150.66 Intensify efforts aimed at promoting transparency and combating corruption (Bahrain);	Supported	Partially implemented.	Same as above

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150.134 Combat official corruption and increase transparency, including by appointing independent judges free from political influence, establishing an independent electoral commission and ensuring transparency, including through robust civil society engagement, in the allocation of public resources (United States of America);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.64	
Theme: Administration of justice & fair trial			
150.136 Guarantee the independence of the judiciary, in particular by adopting a law to this end, and fight against impunity, by completing an independent and credible investigation into the causes of and the assignment of responsibility in the explosion of 4 August 2020 (France);	Supported	Partially implemented Efforts are ongoing to enact a law on the independence of the judiciary. In parallel, efforts have resumed in the investigation into the 4 August explosion.	
150.138 Strengthen the rule of law, including by ensuring the independence of the judiciary (Latvia);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	
150.148 Continue efforts made to ensure the independency of the judiciary in line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (State of Palestine);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	
150.149 Strengthen the independence of the judiciary and guarantee the right to fair trial by adopting laws to regulate the judiciary, and the administrative and financial powers, in line with international norms (Switzerland);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above. Efforts are being exerted by the Administration and Justice Parliamentary Committee to develop a draft law on the independence of administrative courts. Further, civil society has developed a draft on the independence of financial efforts, with current efforts to push parliamentarians to present it as a draft law.	

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<i>Theme: Access to justice & remedy</i>			
150.137 Ensure transparent and independent investigations into the blast in Beirut and hold those responsible to account (Germany);	Supported	Partially implemented After several years of interference and politicization, the investigation resumed in early 2025, including the interrogation of senior officials.	
<i>Theme: Freedom of opinion and expression & access to information</i>			
150.135 Ensure adequate investigation into all attacks against journalists, media professionals, bloggers and human rights defenders and ensure full implementation of the rule of law (Estonia);	Supported	Not implemented	Awareness raised by UNESCO to judiciary, parliamentarians and media organizations towards the importance of rule of law in particular, when it comes to media personnel.
150.145 Continue thoroughly investigating reports of violence, harassment and intimidation of journalists, media professionals, bloggers, human rights defenders and activists, and take appropriate measures (Romania);	Supported	Not implemented	UNESCO's yearly calls for member states through the office of the office of the director general
150.150 Protect the right of media professionals to freedom of expression (Canada);	Supported	Partially implemented New media law proposal currently under parliamentary review	UNESCO provided technical support to the ministry of information in preparing a new Media Law proposal that complies with international standards
150.153 Take additional measures to further enhance the safety of journalists, and implement the United Nations Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity (Greece);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNESCO supported the integration of Safety of journalists into media faculties programs at universities
150.155 Uphold the rights to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly, including by ending detention of people for expressing views critical of the government and ensuring security forces exercise restraint in response to protests (Australia);	Supported	Partially implemented	

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150.157 Ensure unimpeded access for all people in Lebanon to both local and foreign media, including during protests (Latvia);	Supported	Fully implemented	
150.160 Promote and uphold the right to freedom of expression, including press freedom, and to ensure that legislation and State practice are brought into line with article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Netherlands);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.161 Respect, protect and fulfil fully the right to freedom of expression and association, and take action to protect journalists and activists, and to fully enable non-governmental organizations and civil society to conduct their activities freely and safely (New Zealand);	Supported	Partially implemented	This falls again within the new media law proposal submitted to parliament with the support of UNESCO
150.162 Ensure freedom of expression and assembly, and prevent violence against peaceful demonstrators (Norway);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.163 Take necessary steps to ensure the safety of journalists and peaceful protesters as a way of guaranteeing freedom of expression and assembly (Republic of Korea);	Supported	Partially implemented	New media law proposal, universities media curriculum development and training of journalists supported by UNESCO
150.164 Guarantee the freedom of expression and opinion and conduct investigations into attacks against journalists (Slovakia);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNESCO's director general yearly report that calls for member states to report on all the investigations done into the attacks against journalists
150.165 Ensure that the new media law is amended in accordance with its international obligations (Switzerland);	Supported	Partially implemented There is a robust draft law on the media currently before the parliament	Same as above

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150.166 Guarantee freedom of expression and opinion online and offline (Ukraine);	Supported	Partially implemented	Same as above
Theme: Human trafficking & contemporary forms of slavery			
150.168 Step up efforts to combat trafficking in human beings, including considering the possibility of the adoption of a strategy or an action plan in this sphere, as well as additional measures to identify victims of trafficking, especially among children, and to ensure their comprehensive protection and rehabilitation (Belarus);	Supported	Partially implemented In May 2025, the Council of ministers adopted SoPs to identify and protect victims, which now need to be implemented. Establishing an inter-ministerial committee and a counter-trafficking task force would help advance these efforts.	The SoPs tool was developed by a counter-trafficking working group facilitated by IOM and composed of representatives of key ministries, relevant NGOs and UN agencies. UNICEF provides through its case management program support to children who are victims of trafficking to promote their protection and rehabilitation.
150.169 Continue laudable efforts in combating human trafficking, as emphasized by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (Morocco);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.170 Adopt further measures to combat human trafficking, and ensure the protection of the rights of victims, as well as the rights of migrant workers (Nigeria);	Supported	Partially implemented	During the Conflict, UNODC supported an ad hoc shelter for about 200 migrant workers by providing electricity, internet, and health kits. UNODC also held “Save Your Life but not at any Price” awareness sessions on trafficking and smuggling at shelters in Beirut and Mount Lebanon.
150.171 Make legislative amendments to protect and ensure support for the victims of human trafficking, particularly boys, girls and women, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 8 and others (Paraguay);	Supported	Partially implemented	Law proposal was drafted by the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) in 2018 with support from IOM. It was adopted by the council of ministers on the 19th of October 2023 then sent to the parliament on 29 February 2024. The law is currently at the Parliament for further revision and consideration before final voting and adoption at the general assembly. UNICEF includes, through its collaboration with Parliament for the amendment of Law 422, the issue of children victims of trafficking in the recommended amendments related to the child in danger.

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150.242 Consider intensifying further efforts to safeguard, protect and rehabilitate child victims of human trafficking and those at risk of being trafficked (Cambodia);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNICEF includes, through its collaboration with Parliament for the amendment of Law 422, the issue of children victims of trafficking in the recommended amendments related to the child in danger. It also provides through its case management program support to children who are victims of trafficking to promote their protection and rehabilitation. This issue is also integrated in its capacity-building efforts for law enforcement agencies.
Theme: Right to social security			
150.182 Continue and intensify its efforts to extend comprehensive social protection to all sections of the population (Gabon);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>The Aman poverty-targeted safety net has expanded since 2020, and a new National Disability Allowance (NDA) began in April 2023. Authorities are encouraged to include vulnerable migrants in schemes like Aman and improve regularization options for those needing protection.</p> <p>Despite efforts by the Ministry of Social Affairs to reduce institutional care, many children remain in residential facilities due to poverty, lack of family-based alternatives, and limited community support.</p> <p>No progress has been made for refugees: the National Social Protection Strategy excludes them, leaving their support to international actors. While refugees could access the NDA through ILO and UNICEF, coverage has declined recently due to funding cuts, and the planned annex on refugees is still pending.</p>	Strategy development and programme implementation (NDA) supported by UNICEF and ILO (UNICEF).
150.188 Consider improvement of the social protection system that would comprise all categories of people, targeting the most vulnerable (Serbia);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	Same as above

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150.189 Increase financial support to families in situations of poverty, with a view to reducing the institutionalization of children (Sierra Leone);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNICEF and ILO support the NDA, with IOM providing technical and operational support to ensure inclusion of migrants in social protection schemes. UNICEF is supporting MOSA on the reform of the children's care system
150.192 Amend the provisions of the Social Security Act to ensure equal access to the national social security fund (Maldives);	Supported	Partially implemented No progress regarding refugees with work permits: they contribute to the National Social Security Fund (NSSF) but do not benefit from related services	
150.194 Promote, as much as possible, measures targeting vulnerable groups, including, in particular, support for access to social security (Morocco);	Supported	Partially Implemented Same as above	
150.204 Continue to work with relevant stakeholders to finalize a social protection plan, considering especially the socioeconomic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on those living in poverty (Singapore);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	Strategy development supported by UNICEF and ILO
Theme: Human rights & poverty			
150.97 Create specific policies to boost economic activities and implement social safety-net programmes (Indonesia);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	

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150.100 Implement national policies to reduce poverty with a human rights-based approach focusing on Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 10 (Paraguay);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	
150.180 Continue to promote sustainable economic and social development, and further promote poverty reduction (China);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	
150.185 Continue its efforts in realizing the national programme to support the poorest families so as to alleviate and eradicate poverty in the country (Lao People's Democratic Republic);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	
150.190 Continue efforts to combat poverty and improve the lives of vulnerable groups, in particular women, young girls and older persons (Somalia);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	
150.191 Consider expanding the “ Graduating out of poverty ” pilot programme to include the largest possible number of low-income people (United Arab Emirates);	Supported	Partially implemented	
Theme: Right to an adequate standard of living			
150.178 Continue to consolidate its successful social policies in favour of its people, especially the most vulnerable sectors (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);	Supported	Partially implemented Limited progress aside from social protection efforts. The Lebanon Protection Sector and its new Protection Analysis and Monitoring Taskforce highlighted the need to strengthen social policies for vulnerable and displaced populations.	

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<p>150.203 Continue working to ensure that those affected by the blasts are provided access to adequate housing, food, water and health care, with all aid distributed fairly and impartially (Malta);</p> <p>Source of Position: A/HRC/47/5/Add.1</p>	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Access to chronic medications has been maintained at PHC to address the needs of 350,000 vulnerable patients; support to hospitalization subsidization has been an important contribution to more than 5000 vulnerable patients</p>	<p>WHO is supporting efforts to strengthen health system capacity in trauma care, mass casualty management etc.. Its working to maintain access to essential health services for vulnerable groups. WHO also supports the digitalization of medication distribution and monitoring.</p> <p>UN Habitat is implementing the BERYT project to address the impacts of the Beirut Port Blast. Component 1 rebuild 12 buildings to make them livable, and component 2 revived cultural and creative industries in the affected areas.</p>
<p>150.267 Continue to work with partners in protecting the rights of displaced persons to fulfil their basic needs (Indonesia);</p>	Supported	Partially implemented	<p>UNRWA has engaged with the Lebanese government at various levels to advocate for the rights of Palestine Refugees in Lebanon.</p> <p>UN-Habitat</p> <p>Under component 1 of BERYT project, UN-Habitat is working to secure the return of families that had to move to other areas following the Beirut Port explosion.</p> <p>UNHCR has been working together with the GoL, especially MoSA, on ensuring the access of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons, including IDPs, to dignified standards of treatment.</p>
<p>150.268 Provide support to enable Lebanon to alleviate the suffering of refugees and displaced persons resulting from the Israeli occupation of Arab territories and the war in the Syrian Arab Republic (Kuwait);</p>	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Following the fall of the Assad government in Syria in late 2024, any return to Syria must be safe, voluntary, and carried out in dignity, in accordance with international standards. However, prevailing conditions in Syria — including insecurity, human rights violations, and lack of basic services — do not meet the threshold for large-scale voluntary repatriation. Lebanon should uphold the principle of non-refoulement and refrain from forcibly returning Syrian nationals and former habitual residents of Syria, including Palestine Refugees who previously resided in Syria, to any part of the country.</p>	<p>UNHCR has provided a broad range of support to the GoL to help protect refugees. key areas of support include capacity building of national institutions (GSO, PSD, Public Hospitals, Public schools, etc.), infrastructure support to municipalities and local institutions, protection monitoring and reporting, legal and civil documentation support, etc.</p>

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150.275 Continue efforts to further improve the well-being of female migrant workers, including through strengthening social protection measures for them (Bangladesh);	Supported	Partially implemented	The ILO supports the Governments efforts in the framework of a project to build social protection systems in Lebanon.
150.202 Ensure access to safe drinking water and sanitation to all (Malaysia);	Supported	Partially implemented Despite investment to sustain basic services, Lebanon's water and wastewater infrastructure remains severely strained. Aging systems, regional disparities and the large influx of Syrian refugees overstretched WASH services. Since late 2023, escalating hostilities have further disrupted access, leading in some areas to near-total collapse, especially in the south.	UNICEF is engaged through different funding to sustain basic water and wastewater system through their operation and maintenance programme UN-Habitat, in the context of the ongoing regional project funded through the Adaptation Fund "Increasing the Resilience of both Displaced Persons and Host Communities to Climate Change-related Water Challenges in Jordan and Lebanon", and in close collaboration with UNICEF is contributing to optimizing water consumption by promoting water harvesting methods and by recycling wastewater for agricultural use.
Theme: Right to health			
150.195 Continue efforts to improve the quality of health and social services for older persons (Saudi Arabia);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNFPA Lebanon and ESCWA supported the Ministry of Social Affairs in the development and launch of the National Action Plan for Older Persons in Lebanon.
150.196 Increase investment in health and education, and further guarantee people's right to health and education (China);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNICEF has supported the re launching of school health screening conducted annually by Primary Health care centers in all public schools enhancing the access of school children to screening and referral to care UNFPA is supporting investment in health through generation of normative frameworks and guidelines and capacity development and system strengthening initiatives. UNFPA is supporting access to health care services at primary care level, including sexual and reproductive health services

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150.197 Continue to adopt measures aimed at expanding the scope, availability and impact of health services at all levels, paying special attention to the COVID-19 pandemic and other public health emergencies (Cuba);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>During the reporting period efforts were made to avail and expand the range of health care services provided at primary care level through the MOPH network of primary healthcare centres (PHCs). The number of PHCs included in the MOPH network increased, the package of services offered is enabling people to access a wide range of health care services including mental health care. Continuum of care remains challenging due to financial constraints</p>	<p>The Surveillance team at the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) has been reinforced with support from WHO. Preparations for the reestablishment of the Central Public Health lab, critical for outbreaks alerts and public health emergencies is under finalizations. The public health Emergency Operations centers is operational and maintained through support from WHO</p> <p>There has also been the initiation of community-based surveillance through the PHC managed community-based service providers, supported by UNICEF</p>
150.198 Continue to strengthen the measures aimed at providing health-care services to all segments of society (Egypt);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Health care services are inclusive for all nationalities, gender orientation and people with disability. Additional efforts are needed to ensure access to LGBTQI and tailored services for people with disability at all health facilities. Financial cost remains key barrier for access to care for the most vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Establishment of PHC lead community interventions including skilled health care providers, nurses and midwives in addition to the introduction of a new cadre of community health workers, with the aim of enhancing access to immunization and maternal and childcare services</p>	<p>WHO support includes:</p> <p>A hospital-based reimbursement project is ongoing supported by WHO, targeting the vulnerable uninsured with life saving limb saving conditions</p> <p>Support to accessing critical services such as Vaccination and introduction of new vaccines is supported by WHO and UNICEF</p>
150.199 Strengthen the protection of the human rights of older persons, particularly in the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic (Argentina);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>A voluntary adherence to the National Social Security Fund health insurance plan is open for persons above 64 years of age</p>	<p>WHO advocacy and technical support within the early recovery/ reform framework</p>

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<p>150.201 Strengthen its health-care services, including through cooperation with international organizations, to ensure access to good quality health-care services, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic for all persons, including persons without insurance (Lao People's Democratic Republic);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>The integration of non-communicable diseases care at the level of PHC is ongoing. Access to medications is maintained at PHC for the most vulnerable groups</p> <p>There has been investment in the quality of neonatal intensive care with focusing on governmental hospitals</p>	<p>UNFPA coordinated with key actors to ensure quality care services during COVID19 as it generated guidelines on case management for pregnant women affected by COVID19. Training for healthcare providers on the guidelines was conducted at national level coupled with development of information material on COVID19 and pregnancy</p> <p>WHO continues capacity building for health care workers, with focus on quality. WHO support includes: Maintain support for medications at PHC, and maintain operational capacity of the National Influenza reference lab.</p> <p>Intensive training for emergency care and mass casualty care and case management including Mental health is ongoing by WHO.</p>
<p>150.205 Enhance measures aimed at promoting the right to health and provide universal access to health care (Sri Lanka);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>A draft law for Universal Health Coverage is under discussion at the Parliament with support from WHO</p>	<p>UN agencies and the international community supported the Ministry of Public Health to develop packages of health care services at primary care level as part of Universal care. System strengthening initiatives including capacity development of care providers was also undertaken to enhance access to quality care</p> <p>WHO provided technical support and selected data generation for policy making.</p>

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150.207 Expedite the process to achieve universal health coverage and ensure that all citizens, including migrants, benefit from this scheme (Thailand);	Supported	Partially implemented The UHC law is under parliamentary review with support from WHO No progress to report regarding refugees/ forcibly displaced people	WHO continues support to PHC strengthening; support generation of additional information to develop the implementation legislations for the UHC law once ratified UNICEF is conducting PHC fiscal space analysis, essential basic packages costing and generating evidence on PHC financing to generate evidence to support advocacy for the investment in PHC in the aim to achieve universal health coverage UN agencies and the International community supported the Ministry of Public Health to develop packages of health care services at primary care level as part of Universal care. System strengthening initiatives including capacity development of care providers was also undertaken to enhance access to quality care
Theme: Sexual & reproductive health and rights			
150.87 Guarantee universal access to sexual and reproductive health information and services, particularly for persons with disabilities, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and intersex persons, migrants and refugees (Mexico);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNFPA supports organizations serving LGBTQI communities and advocates for inclusive health services. It leads the Reproductive Health Working Group to coordinate sharing information and community outreach on sexual reproductive health (SRH). UNFPA also supports SRH service delivery in primary healthcare centers, and supplies RH commodities across the Ministry of Public Health network. UNHCR strengthened Syrian refugee access to SRH services since 2020 by supporting primary healthcare centers offering maternal case, family planning, BGV support, and inclusive outreach.
150.209 Integrate comprehensive sexuality education into the national education curriculum, develop resources and conduct training for educators in order to ensure its effective implementation (Iceland);	Supported	Not implemented	While discussion on the subject matter was initiated with the Educational Center for Research and Development, it was put on hold because of shifting priorities to respond to the multiple consecutive crisis that occurred during the reporting period of this UPR
Theme: Right to education			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
<p>150.200 Adopt a holistic approach in devising the post-COVID recovery plan in order to safeguard economic and social rights, with a particular focus on education (Islamic Republic of Iran);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>The learning loss resulting from the multiple crises over the last few years resulted in learning poverty specifically among the public school students. MEHE along with partners and donors within the sector are addressing this national learning crisis primarily targeting public schools nationwide. As a step towards recovery, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) launched the National Diagnostic Assessment, currently targeting all public school students in grades 1 to 6, in an attempt to identify the learning gaps, and design the Lebanon National Education Recovery Program (LNERP 2025–2027) that aims to deliver an evidence-based and equity-driven intervention to address foundational learning losses in literacy and numeracy among primary students (Cycles 1 and 2). The program will be progressively expanded to Cycle 3 and secondary levels to ensure continuity of support and educational resilience</p>	
<p>150.208 Enshrine the right to education for all, without discrimination, in the Constitution (Côte d’Ivoire);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Following the suspension of legal residency renewals for Palestine Refugees from Syria (PRS), many are now unable to enroll in Lebanese schools. Although refugee children have the right to primary education, enrollment remains difficult, with only about 48% enrolled in formal schools in 2023–2024. New documentation requirements (either valid residency or UNHCR certificate) for 2024–2025 prevented around 43,000 refugee children from accessing second-shift classes, which began in January 2025. At the secondary level, refugees must hold annually renewed legal documents to sit for official exams, further limiting access and completion.</p>	<p>UNRWA has advocated with the government of Lebanon in support of the right of education of PRS that is severely curtailed in Lebanon.</p>

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150.210 Continue efforts to provide quality, equitable and inclusive education for all (Qatar);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>In 2022 the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) launched the Transition Resilience Education Fund (TREF). The TREF is an innovative aid modality to strengthen governance, transparency, efficiency and learning outcomes for children in the education sector in Lebanon, including in formal public education as well as alternative learning pathways designed to improve access to inclusive and quality education for children who are out of school and not learning.</p>	<p>UNHCR’s community-based homework and retention programs supported 15,570 children at risk of dropping out by strengthening academic and life skills, while school-based support targeted Grade 9 and 12 students. Over 5,450 out-of-school children joined literacy and numeracy programs, and 1,410 received specialized education services. Parents reported notable improvements in motivation, academic performance, and behavior.</p> <p>Additionally, 900 refugee and host youth participated in vocational training and preparatory programs for TVET. Through partnerships with government, UN agencies, and the private sector, 88% of graduates secured internships or jobs, with many applying their skills to emergency response and repairs in collective shelters.</p>
150.211 Continue efforts to improve education in schools and not restrict access to education on the basis of nationality or immigration status (State of Palestine);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Same as above</p>	<p>UNHCR deployed over 370 refugee Education Community Liaison (ECL) volunteers in afternoon schools to mitigate issues related to bullying, and create safe learning environments and identify child protection issues. ECLs referred 910 children to child protection services and over 2,600 to education services and also facilitated community-based Education activities. Monitoring showed that they earned a high level of trust and appreciation among children, parents, school administrators, and Regional MEHE Education office. During the war, ECLs continued to serve their community (even while displaced themselves) through the provision of CBE with a focus on PSS.</p>

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.212 Continue efforts to ensure the provision of basic education, compulsory and free of charge for all (Sudan);	Supported	Partially implemented Same as above	<p>UNHCR has been fast-tracking certificate renewals. UNHCR is working with UNICEF and other stakeholders in a joint advocacy to support approximately 47,000 children who no longer have access.</p> <p>Additionally, the war that has erupted in the last quarter has further strained access to education, with displacement, infrastructure damage, and delays in the academic year adding to the challenges faced by refugee students. Advocacy efforts remain ongoing to mitigate these barriers and expand access. Additionally, new arrivals continue to impact education service capacity, requiring further coordination and support.</p>
150.248 Ensure the promotion and protection of all rights of the child, including to end all forms of violence, and to ensure access to affordable quality education for all children, especially for children in the most vulnerable situations (Finland);	Supported	Partially implemented MEHE has integrated elements of a nurturing care environment in its 5-year action plan and continues to roll-out its CP Policy in Schools and has updated the policy to integrate gender and gender-based violence. However, limited human resources, competing priorities, political and security instability, and social norms continue to impede full implementation of the policy.	UNICEF continues to provide technical support to MEHE in rolling out its Child Protection Policy in Schools.
150.260 Develop a national strategy on education of children with disabilities (Ukraine);	Supported	Not implemented	
Theme: Human rights education, trainings & awareness raising			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.68 Strengthen the capacity of law enforcement officers on the principles of human rights (Somalia);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Efforts underway but should be scaled up to cater to the large number of law enforcement officers in the country and to adapt to regular rotations</p> <p>Capacity-building efforts should be institutionalized to allow for sustainability and ownership</p>	<p>UNICEF organizes weekly training sessions for the ISF on how to handle cases that involve children, in partnership with the ISF Academy. The sessions are based on the SOPs developed to that extent.</p> <p>UNHCR conducts regular trainings for the law enforcement agencies (GSO, LAF, ISF) on general refugee protection, principle of non-refoulement etc.</p> <p>OHCHR has provided dedicated human rights training for law enforcement officers</p>
150.69 Continue to mainstream human rights and international humanitarian law in the public sector, including through the creation of human rights units in different government ministries and the conduct of capacity-building for armed and civilian personnel (Philippines);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>The ISF and LAF both have dedicated human rights personnel, while LAF also has a gender department</p>	
150.131 Consider taking additional steps to increase capacity-building training for detention-centre officials (Cambodia);	Supported	Partially implemented	UNODC conducts several trainings to ISF which includes case management training on the prison information management system, as well as prison management and human rights training.
150.213 Continue its awareness-raising and training activities on human rights for State officials and the general public to raise legal awareness across the country (Turkmenistan);	Supported	Partially implemented	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.240 Intensify training and awareness programmes on the principles of and human rights values for children, women and older persons (Algeria);	Supported	Partially implemented MOSA launched in 2020 its 7-year action plan for the protection of women and children which included a strategy on social behavioral change around violence against children, violence against women, child labor and child marriage. The strategy promotes positive social norms and practices that protect children and women from violence and harmful practices. The strategy engages families, communities, and institutions through evidence-based communication and community mobilization approaches. However, so far, the strategy has been mostly led and implemented by UN and CSOs.	UNICEF is supporting the implementation at scale of the SBC Qudwa strategy and is advocating with MOSA for the institutionalization of SBC within MOSA services and programmes
Theme: Discrimination against women			
150.91 Continue to introduce law reforms where applicable and implement programmes to ensure gender equality (Sri Lanka);	Supported	Partially implemented. The Government of Lebanon, through the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) has developed a National Strategy for Women in Lebanon (2022-2030). In 2024, the NCLW was mandated and initiated the development of the second-generation National Action Plan (NAP) on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), which will continue to include efforts towards legislative reforms. The Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) internally endorsed its Gender Mainstreaming Strategy (2023-2030) and finalized its Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy.	UNFPA, alongside UN agencies, is working to end all forms of gender-based violence (GBV) and is supporting the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) and civil society to prevent and respond to violence. In November 2023, UNFPA and NCLW launched the National Women Strategy (2022–2030) and its three-year action plan, establishing a unified framework for all stakeholders working on women’s issues in Lebanon. Additionally, in partnership with NCLW, the Ministry of Social Affairs, and ABAAD, UNFPA developed and validated standard operating procedures for shelters supporting survivors of violence against women, ensuring consistent, comprehensive care and protection. UN Women, alongside other UN Agencies, WROs, and WLOs, supported the development of key frameworks and plans to advance Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in the country. UN Women worked further in close collaboration with the Lebanese Feminist Platform to advocate for electoral reforms in view of the 2025 Municipal Elections and 2026 Parliamentary Elections.

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.218 Further strengthen national laws to prevent gender-based exploitation and discrimination (India);	Supported	Partially implemented	Same as above
150.229 Increase its efforts in curbing discrimination against women and children (Turkey);	Supported	Partially implemented On discrimination against children, see above - 150.240	Same as above
Theme: Participation of women in political & public life			
150.217 Continue its efforts to achieve an equitable representation of women in the public and political spheres, including in legislative and executive bodies (Greece);	Supported	Partially implemented The 2025 Government cabinet is 21% women ministers, a significant improvement on the 4% in the previous cabinet Women still vastly unrepresented in parliament (6%)	
150.219 Continue to implement legislation to empower women in decision-making and create economic independence (Indonesia);	Supported	Partially Implemented	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
<p>150.220 Continue strengthening women’s rights in the participation of political and public life (Iraq);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p> <p>In 2023, ten Members of Parliament signed a draft municipal elections law to institute a gender quota. Three political parties (Kataeb, National Bloc and Free Patriotic Movement) committed to greater gender representation within their parties. The Progressive Socialist Party's Board of Directors reached gender parity in 2023.</p>	<p>UN Women alongside other UN agencies supported advocacy and lobbying efforts to advance electoral reforms related women political participation. UN Women supported more than 173 women candidates who planned to run for municipal and parliamentary elections to develop their skills, networks, and public profiles, and supported 263 elections observers, frontline workers and other stakeholders involved in elections and in response to violence against women learned how they can report on Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP) through a unified online reporting platform run by KAFA and seven other civil society organizations. In addition, UN Women supported the Feminist Platform (“Platform”) in 2024, a coalition of approximately 40 organizations and activists engaged in the advancement of women’s rights in Lebanon, which issued a total of 9 statements on key issues In the first half of 2024, its campaign “The Power of the Collective” that advocated for a quota for municipal elections reached a total of 1,157,758 views on social media. It finally issued a Charter of Demands ahead of the presidential elections reflect the Platform’s dedication to driving advocacy and systemic change in Lebanon.</p> <p>UN Women supported the government through working on the macro-level (changing laws and policies) meso-level (through empowering state and non-state institutions, and at the micro-level through supporting women individuals in different spaces.</p>

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150.227 Continue progress in increasing the participation of women in public life, including in elected government positions, the judiciary and the armed services (Philippines);	Supported	Partially Implemented According to the 2023 NAP draft results report, the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) Military Academy witnessed a substantial increase, with 106 women cadets out of 218 total cadets, accounting for 48.6% of this body. These figures are a significant improvement from the mere 3% before the implementation of the first Lebanon NAP on WPS (2019-2023).	Through working on the macro-level (changing laws and policies) meso-level (through empowering state and non-state institutions, and at the micro-level through supporting women individuals in different spaces. UN Women, alongside other UN agencies, has been working very closely with the Gender Department of the Lebanese Armed Forces since its establishment to support gender mainstreaming. It has also been working on training other security personnel, including Lebanese Customs and General Security on WPS commitments, jointly with other organizations such as UNODC.
150.231 Ensure greater inclusion of women in the various public administration structures and update the laws that support them (United Arab Emirates);	Supported	Partially Implemented	Through working on the macro-level (changing laws and policies) meso-level (through empowering state and non-state institutions, and at the micro-level through supporting women individuals in different spaces.
Theme: Violence against women			
150.214 Take additional measures to put an end to forced marriages of women and girls (Angola);	Supported	Partially implemented The National Action Plan (NAP) on Child Marriage Prevention in Lebanon was developed by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) in collaboration with UNICEF and the Higher Council for Childhood in October 2023	UNICEF works with MEHE, MOPH, and MOSA to implement recommendations from the NAP Since 2020, UNHCR Lebanon has taken clear steps to prevent and respond to forced marriages among refugee women and girls: through its 2024 Annual Results Report, UNHCR notes intensified Gender-Based Violence (GBV) programming, including awareness sessions specifically addressing child and forced marriage, training over 560 staff and community volunteers in GBV case management, and providing psychosocial support and safe shelter to survivors . These efforts reflect UNHCR's commitment to ending forced marriages and safeguarding the rights of refugee women and girls

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150.221 Enhance measures to protect women and children from all forms of violence, including domestic violence (Kazakhstan);	Supported	Partially implemented Amendment of Law 422/2002 on the Protection of Juveniles in Conflict with the Law or Exposed to Danger is currently in progress in the Parliamentary Committee for Woman and Child	UNICEF continues to support the process of amendment of Law 422/2002 and has been supporting MOSA in updated the national Child Protection Case Management SOPs as well as the development of inter-ministerial referral pathways for boys and girls at risk or victims of violence including GBV.
150.230 Reform its current domestic violence law in line with international standards (Turkey);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.234 Strengthen the efforts aimed at combating violence against women (Romania);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.235 Take practical steps to implement the laws on violence against women and domestic violence, and raise awareness among the wider public (Bulgaria);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.236 Take measures to effectively combat domestic violence against women, in particular migrant domestic workers (Burkina Faso);	Supported	Partially implemented	
Theme: Persons with disabilities: definition, general principles			
150.26 Ratify and implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (New Zealand);	Supported	Fully implemented	
150.259 Further strengthen support to caregivers of children with disabilities (Greece);	Supported	Not enough information	
Theme: Children: definition; general principles; protection			
150.17 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (Honduras) (Armenia) (Luxembourg);	Supported	Not implemented	

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150.19 Strengthen efforts to further promote the rights of children, including by ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (Japan);	Supported	Not implemented See 150.17	
150.20 Continue its endeavours to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (Myanmar);	Supported	Not implemented See input to 150.17	
150.255 Strengthen implementation of the national plan of action to prevent and address the involvement of children in armed violence in Lebanon (Timor-Leste);	Supported	Not implemented	UNICEF will advocate where necessary and provide the required technical support to push forward the implementation of a national action plan to prevent and address the involvement of children in armed violence. Additionally, UNICEF is supporting small scale projects for prevention and reintegration of children involved in armed conflict.
150.258 Strengthen the implementation of the national plan of action to prevent and address the involvement of children in armed violence (Sierra Leone);	Supported	Not implemented	
Theme: Children: family environment & alternative care			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.244 Prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings and raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 18 (Croatia);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>On corporal punishment: in 2001, the Ministry of Education issued a memorandum explicitly prohibiting such practices in public schools, marking a significant policy shift. However, there is still a need for a comprehensive legal framework that explicitly prohibits violence against children in all settings.</p> <p>On MACR: The Parliamentary Committee for Woman and Child which currently is leading efforts to amend law 422 has reached an agreement on raising the MACR, but this component is part of the larger effort to amend Law 422 and therefore it has not yet materialized</p>	UNICEF currently supports the efforts of the Parliamentary Committee for Woman and Child for the amendment of Law 422/2002 to address issues related to corporal punishment and MACR, among other things
Theme: Children: protection against exploitation			
150.243 Strengthen measures to combat child labour by ensuring more effective legal protection (Angola);	Supported	Not implemented	UNICEF will look to work with the relevant and other stakeholders to strengthen and enforce existing child labor laws, align national laws with international standards, and institutional capacity building on child labor laws and child-friendly procedures.
150.246 Establish a comprehensive plan of action on childhood, which includes measures to prevent the recruitment of children by armed groups, combat early marriage and sexual exploitation and eliminate child labour (Ecuador);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Some progress on initiatives to address child marriage and child labour</p> <p>This recommendation remains highly relevant, particularly in light of the hostilities with Israel since October 7 and the war of 2024. The deteriorating security situation has heightened protection risks for children, including the risk of recruitment and use by armed actors. Palestine Refugee children, already affected by displacement, poverty, and limited access to services, remain particularly vulnerable and require urgent, sustained protection interventions.</p>	UNICEF continues to prioritize actions that address Child Labor, Child Marriage, and GBV (including sexual exploitation) through work with Ministries on policy reform, ensuring adequate services are available for children at risk, strengthening the workforce to address child labour, child marriage and gender-based violence and through social behavioural change interventions, community mobilization and engagement to create a more protective environment and address harmful practices.

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.251 Allocate adequate resources to ensure rehabilitative services to street children, and enforce legislation to address child labour (Malaysia);	Supported	Not implemented	UNICEF has developed a holistic strategy to support street connected children. This strategy focusses on legal, reform and advocacy, institutional capacity building, and integrated service delivery. Additionally, UNICEF is intensifying its fundraising efforts to ensure that a multisectoral integrated package of services is in place to support the rehabilitation of street children.
150.253 Enhance its measures for total elimination of child labour (Myanmar);	Supported	Not implemented	UNICEF is working to reduce child labor through a comprehensive, multi-sectoral strategy that addresses both the root causes and the consequences of child labor. UNICEF's approach includes strengthening social protection, expanding Access to Quality Education, engaging communities and promoting behavior change, legal reform, and provision of preventive and rehabilitative support.
150.257 Address the issue of child labour by allocating more resources for protective, preventive and rehabilitative purposes (Islamic Republic of Iran);	Supported	Not implemented	In light of funding cuts, UNICEF is intensifying its fundraising efforts to be able to allocate more resources for Child labor prevention and response. To address the issue of child labor UNICEF is seeking to expand its preventive programs, scaling up rehabilitation and reintegration Services, support the capacity of social workforce, and advocate for legal reform and enforcement.
Theme: Cooperation with human rights mechanisms & requests for technical assistance			
150.50 Continue to provide support to the national mechanism for the preparation and follow-up on the implementation of recommendations made by international mechanisms (Jordan);	Supported	Fully implemented The national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up (NMIRF), led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, continues to effectively coordinate interministerial input for international human rights mechanisms	
150.94 Urge the international community and United Nations agencies to work with the Lebanese authorities to reduce the impact of the economic and financial crises on the Lebanese people (Algeria);	Supported	Fully implemented The Government of Lebanon works closely with the United Nations and the international community on various initiative to address the economic and financial crises.	

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<i>Theme: Cooperation with international organizations</i>			
150.98 Continue to coordinate with States and international organizations to provide assistance and support to Lebanon (Jordan);	Supported	Fully implemented See 150.94	
150.99 Intensify international efforts to establish safe mechanisms to support the Lebanese economy (Kuwait);	Supported	Partially implemented The Government is working closely with the United Nations and international community to implement the necessary reforms to unlock international financial support and strengthen the economy	
<i>Theme: National Human Rights Action Plans (or specific areas) / implementation plans</i>			
150.59 Adopt a national human rights plan (Timor-Leste);	Supported	Partially implemented Although the NAP on human rights was elaborated in 2023, it has not yet been endorsed	The National Action Plan for Human Rights was drafted in 2023, with the support of UNDP and OHCHR, and is currently awaiting finalisation and endorsement
150.60 Continue taking practical steps aimed at the development of the institutional and human rights infrastructure to better implement its human rights obligations (Turkmenistan);	Supported	Partially implemented	
<i>Theme: National Mechanisms for Reporting & Follow-up (NMRF)</i>			
150.53 Continue strengthening national human rights mechanisms to protect the most vulnerable sectors of society (Oman);	Supported	Partially implemented	
<i>Theme: Budget & resources (for human rights implementation)</i>			
150.51 Allocate a sufficient budget for both the national human rights institute and the national preventive mechanism to operate effectively and ratify related financial decrees (Kazakhstan);	Supported	Partially implemented The NHRC, including the NPM, remains hindered in fully operationalising its mandate due to significant under-resourcing including lack of dedicated premises, insufficient funding, as well as unapproved internal regulations However, State budget is now being allocated to the NHRC albeit modest and not yet sufficient for the full operationalisation	UNDP, in partnership with OHCHR, recruited and trained five investigators to support the NHRC/NPM in conducting visits to detention sites, documenting findings, and identifying alleged violations.

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150.52 Ensure that the national commission for human rights and the national mechanism for prevention of torture are provided with the necessary resources to conduct their work independently (Maldives);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.51	
150.55 Provide the national commission for human rights with the necessary resources to enable it to carry out its tasks independently and effectively (Qatar);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.51	
150.58 Provide the national human rights committee with the necessary resources to ensure its independence in line with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) (State of Palestine);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.51	
Theme: Human rights & counter-terrorism			
150.102 Continue efforts aimed at combating terrorism and violent extremism (Saudi Arabia);	Supported	Not enough information	UNODC conducts a “toolkit for disengagement from violence” with children in conflict with the law. This aims to distance children from violence and extremism.
150.103 Continue to take robust measures against violent extremism and terrorism that have long afflicted the region and the country’s vicinity and have caused massive human rights violations and humanitarian catastrophes (Islamic Republic of Iran);	Supported	Not enough information	
150.104 Activate international mobilization to provide support in combating terrorism in Lebanon (Kuwait);	Supported	Not enough information	
Theme: Support to victims & witnesses			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.186 Work in solidarity with the families of the victims of the explosion in the Port of Beirut and use all available resources to alleviate the suffering, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic period (Libya);	Supported	Partially implemented	
<i>Theme: Right to physical & moral integrity</i>			
150.158 Take measures to foster a safe, respectful and enabling environment for civil society and human rights defenders, free from persecution, intimidation and harassment (Latvia);	Supported	Not implemented	
<i>Theme: Sexual & gender-based violence</i>			
150.80 Adopt the draft law criminalizing sexual harassment and develop a national action plan to prevent sexual harassment both within and outside the workplace (Iceland);	Supported	Partially implemented Law No. 205 on criminalising sexual harassment was enacted in 2021	
<i>Theme: Enforced disappearances</i>			
150.130 Continue efforts to address the problem of missing and forcibly disappeared persons (Cyprus);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.141 Investigate unresolved cases of disappeared and missing persons that occurred during the civil war (Montenegro);	Supported	Partially implemented	
150.146 Continue making an effort to investigate open cases of missing persons (Serbia);	Supported	Partially implemented	
<i>Theme: Freedom of movement</i>			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.272 Allow refugees legal residence and freedom of movement (New Zealand);	Supported	Partially implemented Current regulation continues allowing Syrian refugees to renew their residency based on their registration with UNHCR but with certain limitations. In 2024, only 18% of refugees hold valid residency. However, GSO (internal) memo of May 2024 ended residency renewals for Palestine Refugees from Syria in Lebanon restricting freedom of movement and access to services in Lebanon.	
Theme: Freedom of thought, conscience & religion			
150.167 Take measures to further promote interreligious dialogue and tolerance of religious diversity (Malta);	Supported	Not enough information	
Theme: Right to peaceful assembly			
150.78 Fight against harassment and intimidation of journalists, lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender and intersex persons and human rights defenders, and ensure strict respect for the right to peaceful protest (France);	Supported	Not implemented	
150.142 Investigate all allegations of use of excessive force by security forces while handling protests and demonstrations (Austria);	Supported	Not implemented	
150.147 Conduct an investigation into the excessive use of force during demonstrations in 2019 and hold accountable those responsible for the 4 August explosion (Slovakia);	Supported	Not implemented	
150.152 Safeguard the right to peaceful protest at all times (Germany);	Supported	Partially implemented	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.156 Promote and protect the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, including media freedom (Latvia);	Supported	Partially implemented	Promoted and protected through the new media law proposition supported by UNESCO
<i>Theme: Economic, social & cultural rights - general measures of implementation</i>			
150.95 Continue efforts aimed at promoting economic, social and cultural rights (Saudi Arabia);	Supported	Partially implemented	UN-Habitat, within the framework of several projects, is contributing to and promoting economic, social and cultural rights. This is being achieved through: i) implementing urban farming projects involving vulnerable population groups, ii) creating agro-voltaic farms to increase green areas within cities while simultaneously generating clean energy, iii) promoting and increasing public spaces within cities, and iv) raising awareness on women's housing, land and property (HLP) rights, and collecting data to inform evidence-based policies on the subject.
150.101 Pursue ongoing efforts in order to enhance economic, social and cultural rights (Turkmenistan);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.101	Same as above
150.144 Redouble its efforts to improve the provision of public services including through measures aimed at ensuring increased efficiency and accountability in public services delivery (Azerbaijan);	Supported	Partially implemented The 2025 government has sought to improve public service efficiency and accountability	
150.183 Promote economic, social and cultural rights for all citizens of Lebanon (Iraq);	Supported	Partially implemented Positive steps include the introduction of the National Social Protection Strategy and National Disability Allowance	Same as above

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.184 Enhance national response efforts to face economic and social challenges (Jordan);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.183	UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs and 10 municipal unions, developed local development roadmaps highlighting priority economic sectors. It is working with the Ministry of Finance on fair property valuation to increase revenues and mapping private state-owned lands for better management. Under the National Urban Policy programme, UN-Habitat published guides on housing and transport in 2021 and is helping draft a national housing strategy. It assessed building damage to inform reconstruction planning. Through the 3RF, it co-led the Urban Policy Working Group with the World Bank, drafting a policy brief on urban reform, whose publication was delayed by the October 2023 conflict and is now being updated.
150.187 Continue to take steps to overcome socioeconomic challenges (Pakistan);	Supported	Partially implemented See 150.183	UN-Habitat is promoting the implementation of urban farming within disadvantaged neighborhoods enabling vulnerable women and youth to gain farming skills and engage in small scale startups. Interventions are being implemented in Badawi and Abu Samra in North and Lebanon, and in Karantina neighborhood in Beirut.
<i>Theme: Labour rights and right to work</i>			
150.193 Tackle unemployment, especially among young people and women (Malaysia);	Supported	Not implemented	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
<p>150.261 Afford migrant workers full legal protections in line with Lebanon's international commitments on forced labour and discrimination (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Not implemented</p> <p>The Government of Lebanon should still take necessary steps to extend the coverage of the Lebanese labour law to include domestic workers. Currently, Article 7 of the existing labour law does not offer any legal protection to these workers.</p> <p>The Government of Lebanon must prioritize efforts to promote ethical recruitment practices, enhance social support services, and conduct awareness campaigns to prevent exploitation, forced labor, and trafficking.</p>	
<p>150.262 Extend the protection of labour rights to migrant domestic workers in order to guarantee respect for their rights (Belgium);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Not implemented, same as above</p>	
<p>150.263 Implement and enforce the new Standard Unified Contract to protect migrant domestic worker rights, as a key step towards dismantling the work sponsorship system (Canada);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Not implemented Same as above</p>	
<p>150.264 Take specific measures to strengthen protection for domestic workers, including migrant women (Angola);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Not implemented Same as above</p>	
<p>150.270 Reform the sponsorship system for migrant workers, guaranteeing that the migratory situation of said workers does not depend on their employers, and promoting the use of a standard contract that includes protections for migrant domestic workers (Mexico);</p>	<p>Supported</p>	<p>Not implemented Same as above.</p>	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.273 Intensify efforts to expand labour law protection to domestic workers and provide access to effective legal remedies for migrant domestic workers (Sri Lanka);	Supported	Not implemented Same as above	
150.279 Take rigorous measures to regulate domestic work, prohibit the exploitation of migrant domestic workers, investigate the information contained in the death reports of migrant domestic workers, according to which these deaths are due to unnatural causes, and prosecute and punish the authors, if applicable (Togo);	Supported	Not implemented Same as above	
Theme: Advancement of women			
150.226 Take further measures to ensure the empowerment of women in all spheres (Azerbaijan);	Supported	Partially Implemented	
150.228 Promote progress in devoting economic and social rights to the Lebanese and empowering women and young people (Tunisia);	Supported	Partially Implemented The Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) took concrete measures to increase the capacity of more than 900 staff in 2023 and 2024 to enhance gender-sensitivity to mainstream gender and social inclusion within the National Poverty targeting Programme (NPTP). However, further efforts are needed to establish the Protection Fund linked to the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) as directed by Law 293/2014.	UN Women and WFP joined forces to support the capacity-building of the MoSA staff. UN Women conducted a gender review of the NPTP standards operating procedures (SOPs). The gender review aimed to review the existing SOPs which provided a reference to integrate gender, age and disability-sensitive standards.
Theme: Migrants			
150.176 Ensure that the Standard Unified Contract enters into force without delay and introduce a system of effective oversight and enforcement (Austria);	Supported	Not implemented	
Theme: Refugees & asylum seekers			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.106 Strengthen the protection of rights and freedom of refugees, including by respecting non-refoulement obligations (Norway);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>Considering the rapidly changing dynamics and evolving context in Syria, UNHCR continues to call on the Lebanese state not to forcibly return Syrian nationals for the time being.</p> <p>Following the fall of the Assad Government in Syria, UNRWA has noted an increase in deportations of PRS under GSO custody.</p>	
150.274 Intensify efforts to promote the human rights situation of Palestinian refugees (State of Palestine);	Supported	<p>Partially implemented</p> <p>While some efforts have been noted, particularly coordination with relevant UNRWA on Palestine Refugees, this recommendation remains pertinent. Major challenges persist regarding access to education, labour rights, protection from legal and administrative discrimination, and the renewal of legal residency. These unresolved issues continue to undermine the enjoyment of basic human rights for Palestinian refugees and require sustained and comprehensive policy responses.</p>	
<i>Theme: Ratification of & accession to international instruments</i>			
150.7 Take further concrete steps towards the ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and towards upholding the rights of migrant workers, in line with the Global Compact for Migration, which Lebanon also joined (Philippines);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.10 Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and signing both the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families and the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (Argentina);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented Lebanon has not ratified the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance	
150.28 Ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the first and Second Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (Ukraine);	Supported/Noted	Partially implemented Lebanon ratified CRPD in 2015, but has not yet ratified CRC-OP-AC or CED	
150.29 Ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the Protocol thereto, devoting special attention to children by developing child-appropriate reception procedures and ensuring that no child is placed in detention (Holy See);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented	UNHCR operates under <i>ad hoc</i> agreements and its humanitarian mandate to protect refugees. With partners, it promotes child-appropriate reception, ensuring children are registered, not detained for irregular entry, and referred to protection services, in line with its global “Beyond Detention” strategy. Although informal detention of refugee children has occurred in Lebanon, UNHCR works through legal aid, case management, and advocacy to prevent child detention and ensure no child is held solely for their migration status.
150.32 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Rome Statute (France);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented Lebanon has not yet ratified CED	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.42 Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict (Paraguay);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented Lebanon has not yet ratified the CRC-OP-AC	
Theme: Constitutional & legislative framework			
150.38 Make further legislative efforts to prevent domestic violence and lift its reservation to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Republic of Korea);	Supported/Noted	Partially implemented	In November 2023, UNFPA and the NCLW launched Lebanon's National Women Strategy (2022–2030) and its three-year action plan. UNFPA supported their development to provide a strategic framework for all stakeholders working on gender issues. The strategy aims to repeal Lebanon's CEDAW reservations, strengthen GBV laws, and criminalize domestic violence, marital rape, and sexual harassment.
Theme: Prohibition of torture & ill-treatment (including cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment)			
150.125 Adopt a comprehensive anti-torture law in full compliance with the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, eliminating statutes of limitation, providing a comprehensive definition of torture, and ending the practice of military courts having jurisdiction over some civilian cases (Ireland);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented	
150.129 Amend Law No. 65/2017 by including a complete law against torture, based on the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, aiming at guaranteeing an appropriate definition, suppressing statutory periods of limitation and providing adequate assistance to victims (Switzerland);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented	
Theme: Discrimination against women			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.82 Continue the efforts to ensure gender equality, including through the implementation of the 2019 action plan on women, the implementation of Law No. 293/2014 on domestic violence and the reform of relevant provisions in family law (Italy);	Supported/Noted	Partially implemented See 150.38	
Theme: Participation of women in political & public life			
150.215 Take effective measures in order to accelerate the increase in the representation of women in all spheres of public and political life and amend its legislation so that it treats equally all women and men with respect to marriage, divorce and inheritance rights, as well as conferring citizenship to their children and spouses (Czechia);	Supported/Noted	Partially Implemented	
Theme: Violence against women			
150.222 Criminalize domestic violence, marital rape and sexual harassment (Latvia);	Supported/Noted	<p>Partially Implemented</p> <p>Law No. 205 on criminalizing sexual harassment was enacted in 2021.</p> <p>However, while the law addresses cases of sexual harassment, other acts are not explicitly criminalized, such as marital rape (albeit this part of the recommendation was noted by the Government).</p> <p>Articles 505 and 518 of the penal code were not amended and continue to exempt from prosecution of all aggressors if they marry their victims.</p>	

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
<p>150.223 Explicitly criminalize in legislation domestic violence, marital rape and sexual harassment, and adopt strategies for the effective application of that legislation (Mexico);</p>	<p>Supported/Noted</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p> <p>Law No. 205 on criminalizing sexual harassment was enacted in 2021.</p> <p>However, while the law addresses cases of sexual harassment, other acts are not explicitly criminalized, such as marital rape (albeit this part of the recommendation was noted by the Government)..</p> <p>Articles 505 and 518 of the penal code were not amended and continue to exempt from prosecution of all aggressors if they marry their victims.</p>	
<p>150.232 Adopt legislation criminalizing all forms of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, marital rape and sexual harassment, and put in place an action plan to ensure its implementation (Belgium);</p>	<p>Supported/Noted</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p> <p>Law No. 205 on criminalizing sexual harassment was enacted in 2021.</p> <p>However, while the law addresses cases of sexual harassment, other acts are not explicitly criminalized, such as marital rape (albeit this part of the recommendation was noted by the Government)..</p>	
<p>150.238 Strengthen efforts towards criminalizing domestic violence, marital rape and sexual harassment (Fiji);</p>	<p>Supported/Noted</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p> <p>Law No. 205 on criminalizing sexual harassment was enacted in 2021.</p> <p>However, while the law addresses cases of sexual harassment, other acts are not explicitly criminalized, such as marital rape (albeit this part of the recommendation was noted by the Government).</p>	
<p>Theme: Children: definition; general principles; protection</p>			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.245 Ban child marriages and amend Law No. 422 of 2002 on the protection of minors in conflict with the law in order to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility in compliance with international standards (Czechia);	Supported/Noted	Partially implemented On raising the MACR: Amendment of law 422 is still with parliament. There is agreement to increase the MACR but no confirmation on when the amendment of the law will be completed as these efforts have been significantly delayed.	
Theme: Children: family environment & alternative care			
150.247 Prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings and accede to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, as previously recommended (Estonia);	Supported/Noted	Partially implemented Corporal Punishment: see 150.244	
Theme: Children: protection against exploitation			
150.249 Take necessary steps to prohibit child marriages and combat the worst forms of child labour (India);	Supported/Noted	Not implemented (child labour)	
Theme: Rights related to name, identity & nationality			
150.289 Enact a unified personal status law, amend the nationality law to afford women the same rights as men, and adopt a comprehensive legal framework to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and harassment (Australia);	Supported/Noted	Partially implemented (GBV)	UNFPA, in partnership with other UN agencies, advocates to end all forms of GBV and provides technical support to the NCLW and civil society to prevent and respond to violence. It also worked with the NCLW, parliament, UN ESCWA, and the World Bank to advance implementation of Law No. 205 criminalizing sexual harassment
Theme: Labour rights and right to work			

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Recommendation	Position	Assessment/comments on level of implementation	Support provided by UN agency
150.281 Abolish the kafalah system with regard to migrant workers (Finland);	Supported/Noted	<p>Not implemented</p> <p>The Government of Lebanon needs to promote policy measures that facilitate migrant workers mobility in the formal labour market and reforms to reduce exploitative practices resulting from KAFALA including to consider allowing migrant workers to independently apply for and renew their own visas, work permits and residence permits; to allow migrant workers to change employers/sponsors without the permission of the previous sponsor; to allow migrant workers to maintain their residency status after completing their employment, resigning, or losing employment; to improve the system for registering and following up migrant complaints against their employers and ensure that migrants pursuing legal recourse are issued permits to stay and support themselves; grant work authorization without the condition to work for one employer, for example through occupation or sector specific work permits</p>	
150.282 Abolish the so-called kafalah system and introduce a modern legal framework for migrant workers in accordance with International Labour Organization standards (Germany);	Supported/Noted	<p>Not implemented</p> <p>Same as above</p>	
150.283 Protect the rights of foreign workers by abolishing the kafalah system (Italy);	Supported/Noted	<p>Not implemented</p> <p>Same as above</p>	
150.284; Abolish the kafalah system and include domestic workers in their labour laws (Sierra Leone);	Supported/Noted	<p>Not implemented</p> <p>Same as above</p>	
150.285 Expand labour law protection to domestic workers, provide access to effective legal remedies for domestic migrant workers and abolish the kafalah system (Slovenia);	Supported/Noted	<p>Not implemented</p>	
Theme: Advancement of women			

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<p>150.225 Continue necessary efforts to empower women economically, politically and socially, and take all necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women (Nepal);</p>	<p>Supported/Noted</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p> <p>Law No. 205 on criminalizing sexual harassment was enacted in 2021, which included specific considerations for the workplace.</p> <p>Lebanon has made some progress in addressing gender inequality in social security, particularly through amendments in the Social Security Law in 2023 by revising key articles, such as Article 3 of the Labor Law and Article 46 of the Social Security Law: Previously, only male civil employees were entitled to welfare payments, excluding women. The amendments have begun to address this disparity.</p> <p>Article 50 of the Labor Law: This article's provision that encouraged women to leave work after marriage has been scrutinized, as it implicitly promotes traditional gender roles that limit women's economic participation.</p> <p>In 2023, a draft law was submitted by the Chair of the Women and Children Parliamentary Committee to amend some provisions of the Labor Law to include and regulate flexible work arrangements, and another draft law was submitted to amend some provisions of the Civil Service Law, Labor law. The aim was to increase the duration of maternity leave, introduce paternity leave, provide breastfeeding breaks, establish nurseries in workplaces.</p> <p>Review of Decree 15/1925 from the Nationality Law to allow Lebanese women passing on their nationality to their children or to a foreign spouse in the same way as men has not been undertaken.</p>	<p>UN Women, alongside other UN Agencies, supported advocacy and capacity-building at government and parliament levels to support the development and enactment of gender-sensitive legislative reforms, while directly supporting the economic empowerment of women and girls at community level through livelihoods interventions.</p>