

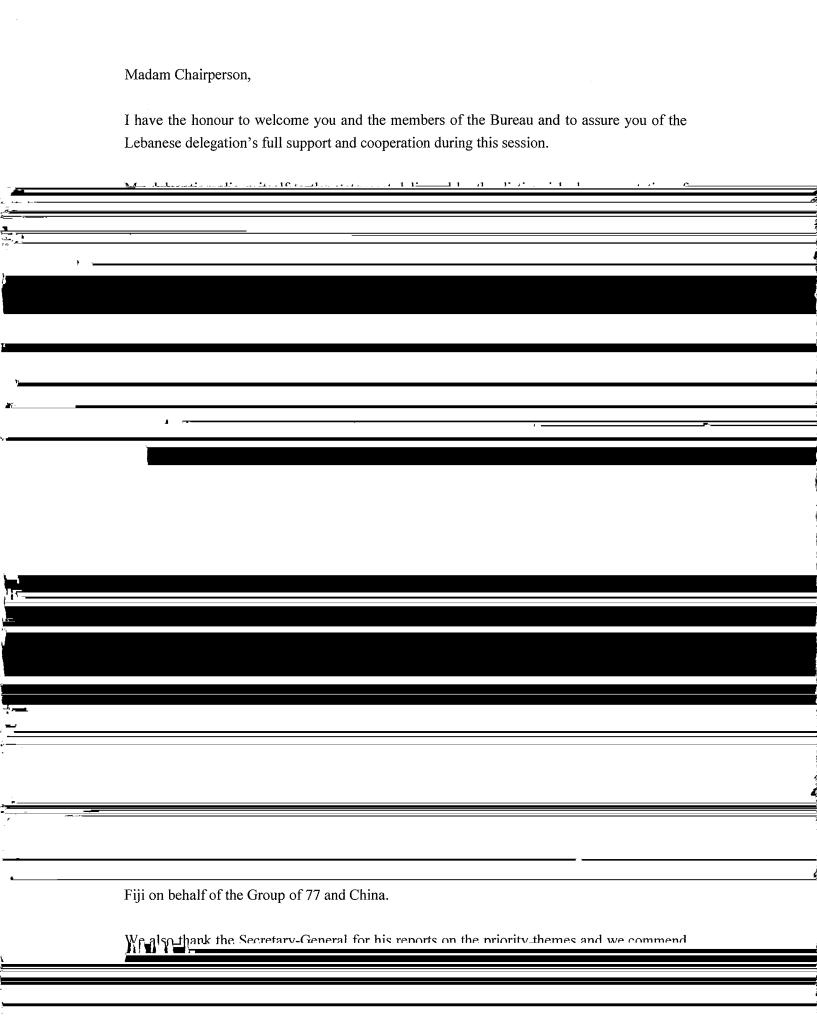
Statement

by

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at the

Commission on the Status of Women



In Lebanon, guided by the principle of equality of all citizens before the law, enshrined in the Constitution, the public agencies are working in close cooperation with civil society and international institutions in order to promote gender equality and raise awareness on women and girls' rights in all fields, and to combat violence against women and girls, address its causes and offer support to all victims without distinction. The priority fields of action include education, health services, and political participation ahead of next June's parliamentary elections.

Madam Chairperson,

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to the writing of which Lebanon had actively contributed states that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights".

the challenge of finding the thin line between promoting social values, respecting religious beliefs and preserving cultural identities, while insuring the full respect of fundamental human rights for all. Human rights standards evolve along this same thin line.

May today's discussions bring us closer to yesterday's blind points.

Thank you...