

**Statement
Lebanon
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Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by thanking the Secretariat for the reports under item 56 on the advancement of women.

Lebanon aligns itself with the statement made by Antigua & Barbuda on behalf of the Group of 77

and China.

Lebanon is fully committed to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of

The Ministry of Social Affairs of Lebanon established programmes to end domestic violence through

civil society initiatives including the Beirut Bar Association encouraged women to speak openly about their experiences.

The Lebanese Government has created a national steering committee to study the situation of immigrant domestic workers including women. The said committee is currently working on a standard labor contract format for workers and preparing legislation governing their activities in Lebanon.

The Government, in cooperation with local grassroots organizations, is training women to participate