

## **European Union**

**EOV (L.4) – Lebanon** (“Report of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the follow-up to the report of the Commission of Inquiry on Lebanon”)

I am taking the floor on behalf of the European Union.

At the outset, we would like to reiterate the EU's commitment to assist and support the democratically elected Government of Lebanon in its efforts to reconstruct the country and maintain stability and democracy.

The EU has welcomed the factual report by the High Commissioner on the follow-up to the Inquiry Commission's report.

We have, in particular, pointed out that we very much share her conclusion that it is of great importance to integrate human rights in any recovery process to ensure sustainability.

For this reason we welcome the ongoing cooperation between the OHCHR and Lebanon on the human rights-related aspects of humanitarian and reconstruction activities undertaken in the country.

We have taken note of the intervention of the Ambassador of Lebanon on June 13 enumerating problems that still need to be addressed in this context. We support an involvement of the OHCHR also in future activities where required and adequate.

For this reason, although we were concerned about the limits in the resolution adopted at the end of the special session, we support the draft resolution at hand, which asks for the continuation of such cooperative efforts.