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Speech of the follow-up committee of UPR by the Secretary-General of Khiam Center Mohammed Safa: For a national campaign to implement the recommendations

The 130 recommendations adopted by the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on Lebanon in its meeting on 16.03.2016, was previously approved by Lebanon in the review of the year 2010 and some are just projects.

General recommendations, no priorities of the demands of civil society and economic and social rights. Considering the Syrian displacement and the absence of political stability is the reason for the failure of Lebanon to its commitments in the implementation of the recommendations as the delegation of Lebanon announced in Geneva, is a quarter of the truth, because the absence of political stability, the basic causes of differences rulers and their struggles for influence sectarian quotas.

While we welcome the initial approval, but the lesson in implementation and this requires from the government:

- A timetable for the process of implementation and follow-up and not to go to Geneva in 2020, and the Lebanese government declares the approval of the recommendations duplicate for three times.
- A serious and structured dialogue with civil society groups to be one of the key elements of the UPR.
- Regulatory mechanism or official committee to follow up the implementation of recommendations and preparation of projects required to not duplicate the experience of the first periodic review in 2010

The 130 recommendations after a preliminary study become 42 recommendation

Recommendations that were not accepted

The 89 recommendations that was refused by Lebanon, Most of them also was refused in the review on 2010. These recommendations constitute the basic



demands of civil society and the Lebanese and Palestinian centered on women and violence and nationality, have refused because they affect the sectarian system, as well as with respect to sign and ratify a number of international conventions and the right of trade union organization for state employees and the issue of Palestinian refugees and the issue of human rights defenders, etc ... The recommendations refused by Lebanon is the essence of the struggle of civil society and chronic demands.

Recommendations 89 and after a preliminary study become 39

The proposed recommendations:

The follow-up committee of UPR welcome the initial approval of the 130 recommendations, but at the same time criticize the refused of the 89 recommendations, demanding the government to reconsider the process of the refuse, calling for the launch of a major national workshop on all the recommendations that have accepted or been impounded, workshop where all state institutions and stakeholders involved in all areas of the associations and organizations, universities, municipalities, suggesting the following:

1. The definition of the recommendations of the UPR through a mass media campaign, seminars, posters etc ...
2. Training courses to raise the capacity of civil society organizations on the periodic review mechanisms and human rights in general.
3. Conference for civil society organizations every 5 months to follow-up, evaluate and monitor of the implementation process.
4. Sit-in in front of the Grand Serail on **Thursday April 21 at 11 am** and delivered a memorandum to the Prime Minister with specific recommendations, permeates the sit-in tent called "**tent UPR**".
5. Participate in all advocacy of the various bodies and social groups campaigns.
6. Issuing a periodical bulletin: **Bulletin periodic review** / report every three months on progress in implementing the recommendations.
7. keep up with the recommendations in full coordination with the United Nations Human Rights Commission and the Commission on Human Rights and parliamentary bodies and international organizations.