



Key recommendations for Palestinian refugees

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It's time after 77 years of compound discrimination and violations to stop prolonging the suffering of Palestinian refugees, which can be resolved while addressing the Lebanese fears and concerns through a simple and clear legislation that promotes the principles of equality and non-discrimination in enjoying human and duties rights. Through the new era, we look forward to activating the Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Committee and working to adopt and/or establish a parallel advisory committee that includes competent Lebanese and Palestinian civil society leaders, particularly from human rights associations and strategic studies centers. Note that, the following key recommendations are the result of the consensus of a Palestinian working group that participated in the CSOs preparatory workshop for the national consultation session related to Lebanon's UPR report, it includes representatives of: **Palestinian Human Rights Organization (PHRO); Palestinian Association for Human Rights (Witness); and Human Development Center.**

Recommendation: 1:

Adopt the recommendations related to the definition of Palestinian refugees and their non-resettlement status, as outlined in the document issued by the Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Committee "A Unified Lebanese Vision for the Palestinian Refugees Affairs in Lebanon". These should be enshrined in clear and unambiguous legislation that guarantees Palestinian refugees their civil, economic, and social rights, and ensures their right to live in dignity.

Recommendation: 2:

Developing the Laws 128 and 129/2010 to ensure: the cancelation of the work permits; granting Palestinian Refugees the right to practice the so-called "Liberal professions"; allow the Palestinian Refugee workers to fully enjoy the National Social Security system benefits, by issuing implementing decrees to protect their economic and social rights, and issuing the needed legislation to ensure that liberal professions laws and union systems are compatible with develop two laws.

Recommendation: 3:

Stop compound discrimination against Palestinian refugees by re-amending Law 296/2001, which restores their right to own *real estate*. For the time being, it is necessary to: *suspend the application of the statute of limitations on surveyed sale contracts concluded before 2001; put an end to the arbitrary measures that hinder (the transfer of ownership of real estate inheritance; the registration process for refugees with foreign nationalities and foreigners married to refugees).*

Recommendation: 4:

Reconsider the security measures and procedures followed around the Palestinian camps, and reform them to ensure the protection of individuals while respecting their dignity, by adopting a human security approach.

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