

Statement of Working Child Mr. Hussein Atweh

Your Excellency President Michel Sleiman

I would like to thank you on behalf of all the children who suffer, for your help and care. We, children whose destiny is to be forgotten in the corners of workshops and industries are working hard in the fields and suffering from cold, poverty, misery and hunger we believe in ourselves, we believe in our future and we believe in Lebanon.

From the presidential palace where I stand today I hope we form together with the official institutions, local and international social organizations, a real task force that comes from the children themselves and their rights, to fight against the worst forms of child labor for a better society. Based on the principles of the International Convention "the rights of the child" we will continue to defend our rights and advocate in order to make it real and tangible.

At the end, we are here today to require the application of the articles of the Convention for all children in Lebanon in collaboration with government agencies, local and international non-governmental organizations working in Lebanon.

Thank you your Excellency