Rights of survivors of sexual assault and human-trafficking

Survivors are entitled to know their rights before, during, and after the investigation.
1- Survivors have the right to be treated with respect and dignity
2- Survivors have the right to privacy and confidentiality
3- Survivors have the right to equal treatment and non-discrimination
4- Survivors have the right to request an interview with an Internal Security Forces member of the same gender, and the right to appoint an interpreter if needed
5- Survivors have the right to obtain full and inclusive information on available services, including health, legal, psychological, social, and protection services (free of charge)
6- Survivors have the right to be provided with nutritional, clothing, medical, and immediate psychosocial support needs
7- Survivors have the right to be provided with temporary, adequate safe shelter, as well as with effective protection from human-trafficking and associated networks
8- Survivors have the right to be provided with legal aid and related services concerning any judicial or civil procedure against their perpetrators of human-trafficking/exploitation
9- Survivors have the right to take breaks regularly and be spared hearing the testimony/story repeatedly
10- Survivors have the right to obtain the primary health information and guidelines related to sexual assault and to be provided with contact information of providers of specialized treatments
11- Survivors have the right to claim the evidence that documents the sexual assault (e.g. saliva on injuries, semen, substances under the nails, etc.)
12- Survivors have the right to abstain from answering any question during the investigation if feeling uncomfortable, and the right to request international protection through UNHCR if they are not Lebanese
13- Survivors have the right for their decisions and choices to be respected
14- Survivors have the right to have their informed consent taken for the purpose of exchanging their personal information with other parties
15- In the case that survivor is a minor, a representative from Juvenile Protection must be present.

Obligations of the victim during the primary investigation;
1- Abide by Lebanese law.
2- Abstain from obstructing justice

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