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Introduction

1. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, established in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its thirty-first session from 5 to 16 November 2018. The review of Jordan was held at the 7th meeting, on 8 November 2018. The delegation of Jordan was headed by the General Government Coordinator for Human Rights, Bassel al Tarawneh. At its 14th meeting, held on 13 November 2018, the Working Group adopted the report on Jordan.

2. On 10 January 2018, the Human Rights Council selected the following group of rapporteurs (troika) to facilitate the review of Jordan: Afghanistan, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of). On 13 July 2018, following the decision of the United States to withdraw from membership of the Human Rights Council, the General Assembly elected Iceland as a new member of the Council replacing the United States. Consequently, Iceland replaced the United States as a member of the troika for the universal periodic review of Jordan.

3. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21, the following documents were issued for the review of Jordan:

(a) A national report submitted/written presentation made in accordance with paragraph 15 (a) (A/HRC/WG.6/31/JOR/1);

(b) A compilation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in accordance with paragraph 15 (b) (A/HRC/WG.6/31/JOR/2);

(c) A summary prepared by OHCHR in accordance with paragraph 15 (c) (A/HRC/WG.6/31/JOR/3).

4. A list of questions prepared in advance by Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Lichtenstein, Portugal, on behalf of the Group of Friends on national implementation, reporting and follow-up, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was transmitted to Jordan through the troika. These questions are available on the website of the universal periodic review.

I. Summary of the proceedings of the review process

A. Presentation by the State under review

5. The head of the delegation highlighted that progress on human rights was important for ensuring stability, security and peace internationally, and strengthening the confidence of Jordanian society.

6. The universal periodic review process had helped Jordan to assess its own human rights situation.

7. Jordan was creating national institutions to reform its human rights framework and to make progress in achieving sustainable development to ensure a decent life for all.

8. Jordan had made significant progress in protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, despite difficult circumstances in the region, particularly in relation to security.

9. Fundamental rights and freedoms for all were guaranteed under the Constitution, and freedom of opinion, of expression, of the press, to publish, of the media and of correspondence were valued in Jordan. Jordanian citizens were free to establish trade unions and political parties. Efforts had focused on protecting and promoting human rights for those living in remote and deprived areas, and the Government was intent on protecting the rights of women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities. Education was free and compulsory for all children.

10. The Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan for the period 2016–2025 had been established to reduce gaps in human rights policy and practice.
11. In March 2014, the Government had created the Office of the Government Coordinator for Human Rights, which had led to a number of initiatives being implemented through a comprehensive human rights protection system. Jordan had published periodic reports to demonstrate its progress made in laws, practice and policy relating to human rights.
12. In October 2018, the Office had been elevated to ministerial level.
13. A higher committee had been established within the Office, involving ministers and leaders of national institutions and trade unions, to examine human rights treaties and incorporate them into the national legislative framework.
14. The Office had established a national commission to follow up on recommendations from the National Centre for Human Rights and to ensure that the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan was implemented by 2025.
15. In 2016, Jordan had organized parliamentary elections to strengthen its democratic system. An impartial commission had supervised the elections, in accordance with international best practices. The level of female representation in the parliament had risen. In 2017, municipal and provincial elections had been held in order to decentralize power.
16. Jordan had amalgamated the mandates of the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission and the Office of the Ombudsman in order to combat corruption and ensure the integrity of the Government. The rule of law was important in Jordan for achieving democracy, economic prosperity and a productive society.
17. Combating extremism was a challenge in the region, although the Government was increasing its efforts to ensure the realization of human rights despite that challenge. Jordan had adopted the Sharia Courts Act of 2016 in order to guarantee access to justice, fair sentencing and the possibility of appeal. The status of sharia courts had been amended to review sentences, to create an appeals process and to protect juveniles and vulnerable groups.
18. Jordan had adopted laws on combating corruption and embezzlement and on accessing information to improve national integrity and strengthen its human rights system.
19. The promotion of women's rights was important in Jordan. A draft law relating to women in the public sector had been adopted to promote the role of women. Further developments included the adoption of laws on flexible working hours, inheritance rights, women in senior positions and childcare.
20. A national plan for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women and peace and security had been adopted. Other mechanisms such as the National Plan for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 had also been adopted, and the National Strategy for Women 2013–2017 was being updated for the period 2020–2030.
21. The adoption of Act No. 20 of 2017 aimed to provide better social and financial assistance for persons with disabilities and their family members. Under article 25, organizations were required to set aside 4 per cent of positions for persons with disabilities. The Government had sought to improve accessibility in public buildings and to offer interpreters, sign language, and video conferencing where necessary.
22. Act No. 32 of 2014 had been amended to facilitate children's access to the justice system. The age of criminal responsibility had been raised to 12 years old and non-custodial sentences had been encouraged.
23. The Government sought to strike a balance between freedom of expression and the right to privacy, and combating terrorist activities. The national strategy for the period 2011–2015 had provided better working conditions for the communication sector and improved enjoyment of the right to freedom of information for citizens and journalists. The Government was working to ensure that journalists worked free from pressure, threat of dismissal and intimidation.

24. The Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 gave priority to the protection of freedom of expression. Prison sentences for relevant offences had been abolished, intimidation of journalists had been reduced and incitement to hate speech was being punished.

25. Deprivation of liberty had been replaced, particularly in cases involving minor offences, with alternative measures such as electronic supervision. The Ministry of Justice provided free legal aid to any citizen or resident of Jordan in need, which guaranteed access to justice. Laws had been amended to cover the crime of torture, and amendments had been made to improve conditions for persons during pretrial proceedings.

26. The Public Security Act had been amended in 2015 to ensure access to justice and judicial protection. Visits to inspect places of detention had been granted to ensure that international standards were being met.

27. Jordan was committed to engaging with international treaty bodies and a number of periodic reports had already been submitted. Financial resources allocated to the Jordanian National Committee for Women’s Affairs and the National Centre for Human Rights had been increased to facilitate the process.

28. Jordan lacked sufficient water resources and was categorized as water poor, which would compromise its efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

B. Interactive dialogue and responses by the State under review

29. During the interactive dialogue, 95 delegations made statements. Recommendations made during the dialogue are to be found in section II of the present report.

30. Yemen welcomed the detailed national report, which reflected the efforts made by Jordan in the field of human rights. It commended the establishment of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan and the Plan for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

31. Afghanistan commended the achievements made by the Government in implementing its human rights recommendations, particularly by developing its normative and institutional frameworks and making national plans and policies for promoting human rights.

32. Albania welcomed the revision of the framework for judicial proceedings, aimed at ensuring the right to a fair trial. It encouraged Jordan to strengthen its capacity-building efforts for legal professionals relating to women’s rights.

33. Algeria welcomed the adoption of several laws and amendments in accordance with international standards, and the positive response of Jordan to most recommendations made during the second review cycle.

34. Angola commended Jordan for its constructive cooperation and dialogue with various national institutions and Human Rights Council mechanisms for the promotion and protection of human rights.

35. Argentina congratulated Jordan for its approval of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025. It acknowledged the challenges that Jordan faced and the efforts it had made to protect and assist refugees.

36. Australia commended Jordan for its generosity in hosting a large refugee population and for creating a shelter for women at risk of honour crimes. However, it raised concerns about the occurrence of administrative detention.

37. Austria commended the positive steps taken by Jordan to implement the recommendations it had accepted during the second review cycle. However, it expressed concerns about the amendments made in 2018 to the already restrictive law on cybercrime.

38. Azerbaijan praised the adoption and implementation of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities and the National Strategy for Women.

39. Bahrain praised the institutional measures taken by Jordan to promote human rights, such as the establishment of the Cybercrime Unit and the Human Trafficking Unit.
40. Bangladesh commended Jordan for its proactive efforts to reform the judiciary and for the adoption of new legislation to ensure the rights of persons with disabilities. It praised the efforts made to combat human trafficking and address unemployment.
41. Belarus praised the laws and strategies adopted on human rights. It noted the measures taken to improve the judicial system and to protect rights and increase opportunities for women and persons with disabilities.
42. Belgium acknowledged the positive steps taken by Jordan to implement the recommendations it had accepted during the second review cycle, including the establishment of a Royal Commission to develop far-reaching proposals to reform the judiciary and justice system.
43. Botswana noted the constitutional amendments that had improved the independence of the judiciary. It referred to the legislative amendments made to the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Act and the regulations to protect migrant workers.
44. Brunei Darussalam commended the efforts made to promote and protect human rights through various strategies, including the Strategic Plan for Education (2018–2022) and the Jordanian National Strategy for the Elderly (2018–2022).
45. Bulgaria noted with appreciation the amendments made to the Law on the National Centre for Human Rights, the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan and the efforts made to combat trafficking in persons.
46. Canada encouraged Jordan to end restrictions on meetings of civil society groups under its Crime Prevention Act in order to respect article 21 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and to sustain an active civil society, which was essential in any stable society.
47. Chile noted with appreciation the humanitarian efforts made by Jordan to receive a large number of refugees, and praised the quota system established to facilitate women's participation in political life. However, it raised concern about the number of cases of violence against women.
48. China praised the progress made in the areas of economic and social rights, poverty alleviation, public health, education and the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities. It acknowledged the positive steps taken towards judicial reform and to combat extremism.
49. Colombia welcomed the efforts made to provide protection and humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees and to establish a new and robust paradigm for international cooperation in response to humanitarian crises.
50. The Congo welcomed the progress made by Jordan in strengthening its normative and institutional framework. It commended its continued provision of humanitarian assistance for refugees, including its crucial role in creating a new and dynamic paradigm for international cooperation in response to humanitarian crises.
51. Côte d'Ivoire noted with appreciation the reforms undertaken by Jordan at the legislative and institutional levels. It welcomed its continued provision of protection and assistance to refugees and its adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025.
52. Croatia welcomed the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 and the progress achieved by Jordan since the previous review cycle in the protection of women's rights, including the opening of the first shelter for women victims of violence.
53. Cuba recognized the steps taken by Jordan to implement the recommendations it had accepted during the second review cycle, particularly in the updating of its institutional framework, with a focus on the protection of children, including the establishment of the

Human Trafficking Unit and the efforts made to improve the quality of and access to education.

54. Cyprus welcomed the steps taken to implement the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 and the reforms undertaken by Jordan, including the adoption of the Independence of the Judiciary Act.

55. Czechia commended Jordan for its adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025. It noted that the recommendations made by Czechia during the previous review cycle had not yet been fully implemented.

56. Denmark noted that in the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, a set of practical tools had been established on how to prevent torture and ill-treatment. It stressed that the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women served as an important tool in the implementation and reinforcement of that Convention.

57. Egypt commended Jordan for its cooperation with human rights mechanisms and for its adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025. It welcomed the creation of institutions, including the Royal Commission to develop the judiciary and enhance the rule of law.

58. Estonia commended Jordan for its extraordinary efforts in hosting a large number of Syrian refugees and opening double-shift schools to provide education for Syrian refugee children. It stressed the importance of children's education regardless of their status in society.

59. Fiji commended Jordan for the important steps taken in strengthening its national human rights framework through the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, emphasizing the protection of individuals' rights.

60. France welcomed the progress made by Jordan in the areas of women's rights, the electoral system and the right to demonstrate. However, a number of laws and practices remained that were restrictive on human rights.

61. Georgia welcomed the steps taken by Jordan to promote women's rights and their empowerment. It commended efforts to alleviate the situation of Syrian refugees and encouraged Jordan to continue its efforts to ensure freedom of assembly.

62. Germany commended Jordan for its efforts, including the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan and the opening of the first shelter for women victims of violence. It expressed concerns over reports of torture and restrictions on freedom of expression.

63. In response to the questions raised, the delegation highlighted the efforts made by Jordan to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5. The Government was committed to addressing the wage gap.

64. Legislation on the death penalty was in line with national charters. The death penalty was only used for the most serious crimes, it was not imposed on minors or pregnant women and court-appointed lawyers were available in relevant cases.

65. Domestic workers were granted special protection. Recruitment processes were governed by law and the Government could close offices that were in breach of human rights law.

66. The Anti-Terrorism Law and the counter-extremism strategy were in line with international standards, particularly the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy. The national courts endeavoured to ensure a fair trial. For instance, administrative detention could be appealed before a court, and children could no longer be arrested unless the decision had been handed down by a court.

67. Jordan had taken steps to combat domestic violence. Procedures had been put in place to protect children from hazardous labour and to prevent the employment of children under the age of 16.

68. Correctional justice was central to the judicial system. Strengthening and ensuring the independence of the judiciary was also important. International human rights standards had been incorporated into training programmes for judges.
69. There was an unprecedented number of refugees in Jordan. Courts had been set up to ensure access to justice for refugees, who were provided with legal advice, psychological support, and education and relief services.
70. Greece commended the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan (2016–2025), the abolition of the articles in the Criminal Code that had protected perpetrators of crimes of sexual violence, and the appointment of the first female member of the Judicial Council.
71. Honduras commended the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, the amendments made to the Law on the National Centre for Human Rights, and the role played by Jordan in affirming a new paradigm for international cooperation in response to humanitarian crises.
72. Hungary commended Jordan for its national policies, strategies and plans that were in compliance with human rights principles, and for its adoption and implementation of the Protection from Domestic Violence Act of 2017.
73. Iceland welcomed the efforts made to address domestic violence and to ensure the requirement of free and informed consent for marriage and the political participation of women. It also welcomed the efforts made to accommodate Syrian refugees and guarantee their rights.
74. India appreciated the establishment of the Specialized Human Rights Training Centre and the Strategic Plan for Education 2018–2022, and the amendments made to the Criminal Code to protect women’s rights, prohibit forced marriage and provide appropriate training to judges.
75. Indonesia acknowledged the strengthening of the Employment Act, the establishment of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, the efforts made to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, and the development of the draft national strategy for Jordanian women for 2020–2030.
76. Iraq welcomed the developments made by Jordan and its establishment of many institutions in the area of promoting and protecting human rights.
77. Ireland encouraged Jordan to improve the legal status of women and children, to end the male guardianship system in accordance with article 15 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and to eliminate the conditions permitting child marriage.
78. Italy commended Jordan for adopting the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, and for its efforts to promote and protect women’s rights and to end forced marriage. It praised the leadership of the King shown through the “Aqaba process” to combat radicalization and terrorism.
79. Kazakhstan commended Jordan for its adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 and for its progress in the administration of justice, combating trafficking in persons and promoting the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities.
80. Kuwait commended Jordan for its commitment to promoting and protecting human rights and for its efforts to implement the recommendations it had accepted from the second review cycle. It called upon Jordan to promote legislation to protect women in employment.
81. The Lao People’s Democratic Republic welcomed the efforts made by Jordan in promoting human rights, including its adoption of national policies, strategies and plans in line with human rights principles and international standards. It urged Jordan to continue promoting women’s rights through education and training.
82. Lebanon commended Jordan for its efforts to protect and promote human rights despite the challenges it faced, especially the consequences of the Syrian crisis. It

appreciated the improvements made in many areas, especially the judiciary, employment, public freedoms and women's rights.

83. Libya commended Jordan for its progress in the area of human rights, for implementing the recommendations from the second review cycle and for strengthening its institutional framework.

84. Lithuania welcomed the steps taken by Jordan to consolidate its human rights record, especially to protect women and increase citizens' participation in the political process.

85. Malaysia commended Jordan for promoting the rights and empowerment of women and persons with disabilities, including by removing barriers to their employment and participation in the public and political spheres, and for its zero-tolerance policy towards violence against women.

86. Maldives commended Jordan for its efforts to provide protection and assistance to over 645,000 officially registered refugees and to ensure educational enrolment for all children, thereby reaching gender parity in primary education.

87. Malta welcomed the steps taken since the second review cycle to reform legislation aimed at protecting the family and facilitating the reporting of cases of domestic violence.

88. Mauritania commended Jordan for accepting multiple recommendations from the second review cycle, for strengthening its human rights framework, for its commitment to guaranteeing fundamental freedoms and for its adoption of a road map for reform and development.

89. Mauritius noted the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 and the Plan for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030. It applauded the increase in the literacy rate following the introduction of compulsory education until the tenth grade of school.

90. Mexico welcomed the adoption of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, which prohibited discrimination against those persons. It also welcomed the repealing of article 308 of the Criminal Code, which had permitted leniency for perpetrators of sexual crimes.

91. Montenegro commended Jordan for strengthening its normative and institutional human rights framework, ensuring equal access to education and achieving gender parity in primary education. It called for the de facto moratorium on executions to be reinstated.

92. Morocco welcomed measures to promote human rights through the strengthening of the judicial framework, reflected by the establishment of the Government Transparency Unit, which promoted impartiality in anti-corruption efforts, and of the Office of the Government Coordinator for Human Rights.

93. Myanmar acknowledged the efforts made by Jordan to fulfil the commitments it had made following the second review cycle. It commended the steps taken to strengthen the human rights institutional framework and the implementation of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025.

94. Nepal welcomed the measures taken to ensure women's participation in the political system, including at the local level. It commended the adoption of legislation to protect domestic workers and the consistent level of commitment shown by Jordan to protecting and assisting refugees.

95. The Netherlands welcomed the progress made to protect women's rights, but noted that joint guardianship of children within a marriage was not yet guaranteed in legislation. Domestic employment law did not cover agricultural workers, depriving them of their full enjoyment of fair and acceptable work conditions.

96. Nigeria appreciated the efforts made by Jordan to reinforce the promotion and protection of human rights and to develop its judicial institutions with a view to further strengthening the rule of law. It also welcomed the measures taken to protect the rights of migrant workers.

97. Norway commended Jordan on its progress since the second review cycle, especially the repealing of article 308 of the Criminal Code. It remained concerned about women's rights, freedom of speech and access to basic legal guarantees in Jordan.
98. Oman expressed appreciation for the adoption of many measures, such as the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, the National Plan for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 and the second phase of the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities.
99. Pakistan expressed particular appreciation for the introduction of the second phase of the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities 2010–2015, the Implementation Plan to Strengthen the Institutional Response to Domestic Violence Cases 2016–2018 and the Jordanian National Strategy for the Elderly 2018–2022.
100. The Philippines commended Jordan on its Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan (2016–2025), and welcomed measures to protect women from domestic violence. It acknowledged the efforts made to combat human trafficking and to improve the regulations governing the employment of migrant workers in the domestic service sector.
101. Portugal commended Jordan for its cooperation with the special procedure mandate holders and for its adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan (2016–2025). It welcomed the amendments made to the Law on the National Centre for Human Rights.
102. Qatar expressed appreciation for all of the efforts made in the legislative, executive and judicial spheres to promote human rights and fundamental freedoms. It particularly welcomed the measures taken to strengthen the judicial framework.
103. The Republic of Korea welcomed the efforts made by Jordan to accommodate refugees. It appreciated its efforts to achieve gender equality, including through the increased participation of women in various branches of the Government.
104. Romania noted with satisfaction the efforts made to promote a culture of human rights and to promote and protect the rights of women and children. It encouraged Jordan to continue consolidating its human rights record.
105. The Russian Federation welcomed the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan. It called upon Jordan to pay more attention to victims of domestic violence. It commended its efforts to protect refugees and noted the measures taken to prevent discrimination against persons of non-Jordanian origin.
106. Saudi Arabia welcomed the efforts made to combat poverty and unemployment, and the adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 and the Programme for the Promotion of Economic and Social Productivity.
107. Senegal welcomed the efforts made to promote a culture of human rights among security officials and the police through training programmes and workshops, and to increase awareness of human rights among schoolchildren and university students.
108. Serbia welcomed the adoption of legal measures aimed at strengthening the institutional framework for the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the establishment of national institutions and departments across several ministries to promote human rights.
109. Singapore welcomed the establishment of the Ministerial Committee for the Empowerment of Women and the repealing of article 308 of the Criminal Code, which had exempted rapists from punishment if they married their victims.
110. Slovakia welcomed the important steps taken by Jordan to strengthen its national human rights framework. It expressed concern about restrictions on freedom of expression and opinion and about the continued imposition of death sentences.
111. Slovenia commended the positive changes that had been made by Jordan since the previous review cycle, particularly regarding the protection of women's rights. It expressed concern over child marriage and over the Personal Status Law.

112. Spain commended Jordan for its reform of the Criminal Code. However, it highlighted that Jordan had not yet ratified the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and expressed concern about restrictions on freedom of expression.

113. Sri Lanka expressed appreciation for the decision taken by Jordan to open its border to Syrian refugees who were seeking protection. It noted the steps taken to strengthen the national human rights framework.

114. The State of Palestine commended the steps taken by Jordan to promote human rights, including its adoption of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025. It encouraged Jordan to continue its efforts to combat human trafficking.

115. The Sudan commended Jordan for its positive engagement with the review process. It welcomed its efforts to implement “Jordan 2025: a National Strategy and Vision” and the plans adopted in the field of human rights, in particular to improve transparency, combat corruption and guarantee freedom of expression.

116. Sweden acknowledged some positive development in the area of media legislation, but expressed concern about the ambiguity of definitions and the risk of overly broad interpretations. It stated that many challenges remained for the advancement of gender equality.

117. Switzerland expressed concern over restrictions on freedom of assembly and over recent executions. It welcomed the reforms aimed at limiting temporary detention and called for concrete measures to ensure the protection of all workers.

118. Thailand commended the launch of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan and the National Plan for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. It applauded the repealing of the section of the Criminal Code that had exempted perpetrators of sexual assault from punishment if they married their victims.

119. Tunisia thanked Jordan for the information contained in its national report, which attested to its progress made in the field of human rights. It welcomed the inclusive approach taken by Jordan in the preparation of its national report.

120. Turkey welcomed the positive developments made in the field of women’s rights, including the repealing of article 308 of the Criminal Code, which had allowed those accused of rape to avoid punishment if they married their victims.

121. Turkmenistan commended Jordan for its adoption of national policies, strategies and plans aimed at reaching the required international human rights standards, highlighting its efforts to establish new institutions and bodies to protect and uphold human rights.

122. Uganda expressed appreciation for the amendments made to the Criminal Code to protect women against rape. It encouraged Jordan to enhance its efforts to increase the participation of women in positions of leadership and decision-making.

123. Ukraine recognized the progress made by Jordan in improving its human rights situation, including through the implementation of the recommendations it had accepted during the second review cycle, specifically in relation to the eradication of torture, and to persons with disabilities and victims of human trafficking.

124. The United Arab Emirates welcomed the adoption of a number of national strategies, including the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025, the Strategic Plan for Education 2018–2022 and the draft national strategy for Jordanian women 2020–2030.

125. The United Kingdom welcomed the positive steps taken by Jordan towards implementing the recommendations from previous review cycles and commended its long-standing hospitality, having hosted over 650,000 registered Syrian refugees since 2011.

126. The United States remained concerned by a variety of laws that restricted fundamental freedoms and had led to the arrest and detention of journalists, civil society activists and social media users.

127. Uruguay welcomed the efforts made by Jordan to increase the participation of women in the public sphere, and the recent amendment to the Criminal Code to protect victims of rape.

128. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela observed that Jordan had strengthened its human rights framework through developing strategies to promote the protection of human rights, including the project for the empowerment of women in the public sector and the Plan for Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

129. Brazil encouraged Jordan to reinforce the protection of human rights online, by ensuring that its definition of hate speech did not restrict freedom of expression and that surveillance activities respected the right to privacy. It commended the amendments made to the Criminal Code and the Protection from Domestic Violence Act.

130. The delegation reiterated that the definition of torture in Jordan was in line with the definition under the Convention against Torture, and that torture was considered a crime if it led to grave injury or disease. In 2014, national legislation had been amended to align detention standards with international norms.

131. Jordan was committed to preventing the exploitation of children. It had also adopted measures relating to the freedom of trade unions and had taken into account the right of migrants to work.

132. In 2014, Jordan had adopted a decision to provide migrant children with access to education, health care and the labour market, and those children had been given identity cards. A special commission had also been set up to provide alternative housing for persons with disabilities.

133. The Jordanian National Commission for Women had proposed amendments to the labour code, and as a result parental leave was now granted in Jordan and children enjoyed more benefits. The participation of women in the public sphere was increasing and the Government was seeking to amend curricula to increase the number of women in leadership positions.

134. The delegation noted that the law on cybercrime needed to be amended and brought into line with international standards.

II. Conclusions and/or recommendations

135. **The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue/listed below have been examined by Jordan and enjoy the support of Jordan:**

135.1 **Pursue efforts to follow up on the implementation of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan (Bahrain);**

135.2 **Provide the necessary support to the Office of the Government Coordinator for Human Rights in order to continue interaction with all stakeholders in the field of human rights (Bahrain);**

135.3 **Continue promoting the rights of the people through national strategies, including by adopting the national strategy for the prevention of human trafficking (Brunei Darussalam);**

135.4 **Continue working on the effective implementation of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan until 2025, with the broad participation of society (Cuba);**

135.5 **Continue to support and strengthen the institutional framework for the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms (Egypt);**

135.6 **Strengthen the legal framework for the protection of women against domestic violence (Albania);**

- 135.7 Proceed with implementation of the executive plan on raising awareness of the principles of the rule of law, equality and citizenship (Georgia);
- 135.8 Continue providing human rights educational programmes for law enforcement officers on the issue of combating torture and on respect for human rights, and ensure that all allegations of torture are promptly, thoroughly and independently investigated (Greece);
- 135.9 Recognize the important work of human rights defenders facing discrimination or marginalization and ensure effective protection against the threats and violence they face (Iceland);
- 135.10 Strengthen effective implementation of its legal framework for the protection of women (India);
- 136.11 Continue to implement the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016–2025 and address existing challenges, with the participation of all sections of Jordanian society (Indonesia);
- 135.12 Continue efforts to implement the amendments to the labour code which were adopted by the Council of Ministers of Jordan in 2010 and broaden the legal assistance fund (Iraq);
- 135.13 Continue efforts to take the necessary measures to implement provisions on community penalties and alternative penalties (Kuwait);
- 135.14 Increase legislation protecting women in the labour market (Kuwait);
- 135.15 Continue disseminating human rights principles and concepts in detention and pre-detention centres as well as in rehabilitation centres (Lebanon);
- 135.16 Amend the labour law to protect the rights of agricultural workers, including legal safeguards to ensure decent working conditions (Netherlands);
- 135.17 Continue to strengthen its legal and institutional frameworks, with a view to further ensuring the promotion and protection of the rights of migrant workers, especially domestic workers (Nigeria);
- 135.18 Strengthen punishment for perpetrators of trafficking crimes, in particular when the victim is a child or a woman, to contribute to their protection (Pakistan);
- 135.19 Continue the zero-tolerance policy against human trafficking, and strengthen measures to address various forms of trafficking, including new trends (Philippines);
- 135.20 Create a national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up on the recommendations from the universal periodic review, the treaty bodies and the special procedures of the Human Rights Council (Portugal);
- 135.21 Pursue efforts to establish a national system of human rights institutions (Russian Federation);
- 135.22 Accelerate efforts to adopt alternative measures to deprivation of liberty in the juvenile justice system (Saudi Arabia);
- 135.23 Support regional human rights training in the regional centres of the Public Security Directorate (Saudi Arabia);
- 135.24 Finalize the draft national strategy for Jordanian women (2020–2030) and the draft national strategy for the prevention of human trafficking (2018–2021) (Senegal);
- 135.25 Allocate sufficient resources to ensure the effective implementation of the National Strategy for Women once it has been updated (Singapore);

- 135.26 **Review the Press and Publications Act in order to fully guarantee the right to freedom of expression (Spain);**
- 135.27 **Amend article 72 of the labour law to make it more comprehensive in order to allow for women to participate in the workforce and encourage childcare to be a shared responsibility between both parents (Sweden);**
- 135.28 **Strengthen the relevant legal frameworks to further protect women against all forms of violence, including domestic violence, and ensure adequate support and redress to victims (Thailand);**
- 135.29 **Strengthen the legal assistance system for stakeholders (Tunisia);**
- 135.30 **Continue reviewing its legal framework for the protection of women against gender-based violence and domestic violence (Turkey);**
- 135.31 **Consider the elaboration of a comprehensive strategy to modify and eliminate all attitudes and stereotypes that discriminate against women (Turkey);**
- 135.32 **Continue the current political reform process through the adoption of relevant road maps for development to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms (Turkmenistan);**
- 135.33 **Take further measures to promote and protect the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities through developing or improving national strategies (Turkmenistan);**
- 135.34 **Continue efforts to campaign against gender-based violence and to raise awareness in local communities about the importance of ending child marriage (Uganda);**
- 135.35 **Continue to strengthen the institutional capacity of the Jordanian National Committee for Women's Affairs to enable it to carry out its mandate (Uganda);**
- 135.36 **Ensure effective protection of the rights of the child through developing a State strategy and national legislation (Ukraine);**
- 135.37 **Consider including measures aimed at ensuring increased efficiency (Azerbaijan);**
- 135.38 **Engage in further collaboration to continue the implementation of the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan for 2016–2025 (Oman);**
- 135.39 **Adopt a global strategy to eliminate discrimination in law and in practice against marginalized and disadvantaged children (Congo);**
- 135.40 **Take measures to end the discriminatory classification of children on any grounds and discrimination against all groups of children in marginalized or disadvantaged situations (Fiji);**
- 135.41 **Consider a national strategy to eliminate all forms of discrimination against all groups of children in marginalized and disadvantaged situations (India);**
- 135.42 **Enhance efforts to eradicate all forms of discrimination, in particular against women, including in the Criminal Code (Italy);**
- 135.43 **Continue efforts to achieve gender equality and equal opportunities in the labour market (Malaysia);**
- 135.44 **Tackle the forms of discrimination and inequality still affecting women and children (Romania);**
- 135.45 **Pursue efforts to combat discrimination against persons of non-Jordanian origin and migrant workers (Russian Federation);**

- 135.46 Continue the practice of consulting with civil society on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Belarus);
- 135.47 Strengthen efforts to adopt policies and programmes in relation to climate change and environmental protection (Fiji);
- 135.48 Encourage labour-intensive production sectors to alleviate unemployment and create more job opportunities (India);
- 135.49 Make more efforts to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (State of Palestine);
- 135.50 Provide technical and financial resources to implement the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (Oman);
- 135.51 Continue its efforts aimed at improving detention environments and its adaptation to international standards (Georgia);
- 135.52 Ensure that the prohibition of torture is absolute and non-derogable, in accordance with article 2 (2) of the Convention against Torture (Hungary);
- 135.53 Adopt measures to prevent and fight episodes of torture (Italy);
- 135.54 Step up training and capacity-building of law enforcement personnel with respect to the initial stages of investigation and a fair trial (China);
- 135.55 Continue to disseminate a culture of human rights and promote fair trial guarantees to competent law enforcement authorities (Egypt);
- 135.56 Limit the use of administrative detention and ensure that judgments are held within a reasonable period of time (France);
- 135.57 Step up specialized training for judges (Algeria);
- 135.58 Continue working on building judicial capacities, including the training of judges, and take the necessary measures to use modern technologies in judicial proceedings (Lebanon);
- 135.59 Promote specialization in the legal profession and its institutions (Morocco);
- 135.60 Reinforce the role of judicial inspection (Oman);
- 135.61 Strengthen the independence of the judiciary by improving the work of the general secretariat of the Judicial Council (Qatar);
- 135.62 Organize specialized training courses for public prosecutors and sensitize them to other practices in other countries, to implement human rights standards and make use of them in referring cases involving torture, juveniles and human trafficking to the specialized courts (Qatar);
- 135.63 Allocate sufficient resources to public prosecutors for the effective investigation of allegations of torture (Republic of Korea);
- 135.64 Enhance the use of alternatives to pretrial detention (Sudan);
- 135.65 Continue efforts to train detention centre personnel on the provisions of international conventions and international standards relating to detention centres (United Arab Emirates);
- 135.66 Strengthen programmes aimed at building capacity for judges, prosecutors, lawyers and officials responsible for compliance with the law, in application of the standards of international organizations relating to women's rights (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela);
- 135.67 Continue the policy of maintaining an atmosphere of tolerance and respect for religious diversity (Belarus);

- 135.68 Ensure that all surveillance of communications is conducted with respect for the right to privacy and in compliance with Jordan's human rights obligations (Iceland);
- 135.69 Promote dialogue with civil society organizations, human rights defenders and other relevant stakeholders in order to reform current legislation on freedom of expression (Italy);
- 135.70 Redouble efforts and commitments for the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms (Nigeria);
- 135.71 Ensure that all domestic legislation is in compliance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, particularly in relation to the right to freedom of expression (Norway);
- 135.72 Ensure a safe and enabling environment for journalists and media workers, and ensure freedom of the media and a space for civil society free from interference, threats and intimidation (Slovakia);
- 135.73 Continue efforts to combat human trafficking, especially in the case of migrant workers (Bangladesh);
- 135.74 Strengthen measures to safeguard the rights of foreign female domestic workers (Bangladesh);
- 135.75 Step up efforts to combat trafficking, particularly in women and children from the migrant community, refugees and asylum seekers, and improve the relevant legislation and its application (Belarus);
- 135.76 Ensure effective protection of foreign domestic workers (Congo);
- 135.77 Continue efforts to combat trafficking in persons by, inter alia, strengthening its preventive measures (Greece);
- 135.78 Strengthen its actions to prevent and combat all forms of violence against women and girls, trafficking in persons and harmful practices such as early marriage (Honduras);
- 135.79 Step up efforts nationally to combat child labour and trafficking in persons (Algeria);
- 135.80 Promote efforts to counter human trafficking, especially in women and girls (Iraq);
- 135.81 Accelerate its efforts to combat trafficking in persons and various forms of labour exploitation of non-Jordanians living in the territory, especially women and children (Myanmar);
- 135.82 Continue to fight human trafficking (Serbia);
- 135.83 Continue to accelerate efforts to eliminate child labour, in particular girls working as domestic workers, ensuring that legal action is taken against perpetrators (Sri Lanka);
- 135.84 Continue to prevent trafficking in women and girls with regular monitoring (Sri Lanka);
- 135.85 Strengthen its labour protection with an emphasis on migrant workers, domestic workers and children, especially by increasing their access to health services and education and improving working conditions in line with international standards (Thailand);
- 135.86 Continue its efforts to improve health-care coverage for the population (Colombia);
- 135.87 Continue efforts to improve the country's health-care system, especially for children (Maldives);

- 135.88 Take the necessary measures for further improvement of access to education in terms of quality and inclusiveness (Afghanistan);
- 135.89 Continue implementing measures for the development of the education system, including an extension of literacy programmes and bearing in mind the principle of equality (Cuba);
- 135.90 Continue efforts to take all necessary measures to improve access to education for children in rural and remote areas, and ensure that no child is deprived of education services (Mauritius);
- 135.91 Take immediate measures for the protection of women's rights, including strengthening laws to address violence against women (Botswana);
- 135.92 Continue efforts to empower women in the country in line with its national strategy and the Sustainable Development Goals (Brunei Darussalam);
- 135.93 Continue implementation of initiatives to encourage the empowerment of women and to facilitate a higher proportion of women in managerial positions in public institutions and private businesses (Bulgaria);
- 135.94 Take further steps to remove the persisting barriers to women's access to justice (Albania);
- 135.95 Take further steps to address discrimination against women, with a particular focus on women's access to justice and reducing violence against women (Fiji);
- 135.96 Continue to advance the role of women in economic and political life, including by increasing their representation in the parliament (Indonesia);
- 135.97 Promote efforts towards raising awareness and education among different social groups, especially women and workers (Iraq);
- 135.98 Take further steps to promote gender equality and women's empowerment (Kazakhstan);
- 135.99 Continue efforts to promote the rights of women through education and training programmes (Lao People's Democratic Republic);
- 135.100 Amend the criminal procedures to guarantee that a detained person is medically assessed before admission to a detention centre (Germany);
- 135.101 Continue to conduct awareness-raising campaigns to address violence against women (Malta);
- 135.102 Pursue measures to ensure appropriate representation of women in political life (Nepal);
- 135.103 Fully implement all measures to prevent any and all violence against women and girls and bring the perpetrators of such violence to justice (Australia);
- 135.104 Continue efforts to combat violence against women and to ensure gender parity (Tunisia);
- 135.105 Establish a mechanism to implement the recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);
- 135.106 Continue its efforts to raise awareness among women of their rights (Azerbaijan);
- 135.107 Include sections on women's rights and gender equality in the curriculum at all levels of education (Azerbaijan);
- 135.108 Redouble efforts to protect women and girls from violence and discrimination (Uruguay);
- 135.109 Continue active efforts in the area of human rights (Kazakhstan);

- 135.110 Continue implementing the system of aftercare for juveniles to ensure that there is no return to or repetition of offending (Yemen);
- 135.111 Step up efforts aimed at ending and discouraging child labour, including enactment and enforcement of legislation on the minimum age for employment (Botswana);
- 135.112 Develop legal mechanisms to protect children and continue efforts to combat child labour (Malaysia);
- 135.113 Continue efforts to raise awareness to prevent child marriage (Maldives);
- 135.114 Enforce more effective measures to tackle the issue of early and forced marriage, especially among refugee communities (Myanmar);
- 135.115 Increase measures to ensure that all refugee children have access to education and ensure the protection of refugee children from labour exploitation (Argentina);
- 135.116 Continue focusing on the situation of the less fortunate groups of the Dom community and facilitate their access to services and contribute to the improvement of their living conditions and their integration in society (Yemen);
- 135.117 Continue strengthening its efforts in the promotion and protection of the rights of elderly persons and persons with disabilities (Bulgaria);
- 135.118 Actively seek support in technical assistance and capacity-building to implement the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act of 2017 (China);
- 135.119 Continue to improve the living standards and conditions of persons with disabilities, especially children with disabilities, to ensure that their basic needs are met (Lao People's Democratic Republic);
- 135.120 Continue to take measures to improve access for persons with disabilities to public facilities and to create modes of transport for use by persons with disabilities, and continue its sincere quest to consolidate the human rights system (Libya);
- 135.121 Strengthen the implementation of necessary measures for disabled students by creating accessible conditions in educational institutions in order to achieve greater inclusion in Jordanian society (Angola);
- 135.122 Continue efforts to promote the organization of programmes to enhance the independence of persons with special needs (Morocco);
- 135.123 Pursue efforts to promote the participation and empowerment of persons with disabilities in the labour market by amending legislation and creating an appropriate working environment for them (Pakistan);
- 135.124 Adopt measures to combat violence, abuse and neglect of persons with psychosocial disabilities and mental health conditions, in particular those living in "shelters", and respect their autonomy and free and informed consent while promoting their inclusion in the community and combating institutionalization (Portugal);
- 135.125 Implement the provisions of the new law to improve the living conditions of persons with disabilities (Senegal);
- 135.126 Pursue measures aimed at improving the situation of people with disabilities, in particular on their social inclusion (Serbia);
- 135.127 Continue to implement measures to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities, particularly in educational institutions (Singapore);
- 135.128 Take measures to implement the national plan to integrate persons with disabilities in educational institutions and allocate the necessary budget to that plan (Sudan);

135.129 Continue efforts to enact labour legislation that protects migrants and governs the work of employment agencies (State of Palestine);

135.130 Continue efforts to protect migrant workers by creating a healthy and favourable environment through amending legislation to strengthen the inspection of establishments (Tunisia);

135.131 Strengthen legal protection for migrant workers by increasing labour inspections and public sector training, prosecuting employers who confiscate employees' passports and bringing penalties for sex trafficking crimes into line with other serious crimes (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

136. The following recommendations will be examined by Jordan, which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council:

136.1 Define in law the crime of torture in accordance with article 1 of the Convention against Torture, with appropriate punishment attached to it (Chile);

136.2 Amend laws that impede freedom of expression and information (France);

136.3 Expand the authority and available resources of the National Centre for Human Rights, the national human rights institution (Republic of Korea);

136.4 Modify article 208 of the Criminal Code so that torture is categorized as a serious crime instead of a minor crime (Spain);

136.5 Revise and specify the definition of incitement of hatred in the amended 2011 law on cybercrime (Sweden);

136.6 Form a committee of independent experts to consider amendments to media-related legislation and institutions (Sweden);

136.7 Adopt comprehensive national legislation to prohibit direct and indirect racial discrimination, in accordance with the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, including all prohibited grounds of discrimination under article 1 (Côte d'Ivoire);

136.8 Pursue efforts to prevent torture, including by reviewing the Criminal Code (Republic of Korea);

136.9 Increase the number of shelters for victims of gender-based violence and honour crimes (Spain);

136.10 Limit the use of administrative detention, respecting the rights of prisoners as specified in article 9 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Ireland);

136.11 Consider revising the use of administrative detention and take measures to guarantee access to legal assistance (Italy);

136.12 Recognize the need to adopt a definition of torture in keeping with article 1 of the Convention against Torture (Mexico);

136.13 Amend the Anti-Terrorism Law to bring it into line with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Belgium);

136.14 Guarantee freedom of expression and halt the detention of all writers, journalists and website editors based on charges related to freedom of expression, and abolish the Criminal Code articles which place impermissible restrictions on freedom of expression both offline and online (Czechia);

136.15 Enable unrestricted access to the Internet for all members of society by ensuring cybersecurity and the safe flow of information, without violating freedom of expression or the right to privacy (Estonia);

136.16 Facilitate the creation and operation of civil society organizations by amending the law of societies in accordance with the requirements of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, by limiting State interference, in particular restrictions on funding, and by ensuring that any such interference is exercised in an accountable and transparent way (Germany);

136.17 Review its legislation and practices with the aim of ensuring that all persons and civil society actors, including human rights defenders and journalists, can freely exercise their rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, both online and offline, as provided for by international human rights law (Lithuania);

136.18 Re-evaluate the recent amendments to the Press and Publications Act, the law on cybercrime and the Criminal Code to ensure that legislation and practice are in conformity with international human rights law and standards, in particular the right to freedom of expression under article 19 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Austria);

136.19 Amend the labour code to align it with international labour standards, including allowing foreign workers to form and head trade unions (United States of America);

136.20 Continue to ensure effective access to justice for women migrant domestic workers, including by guaranteeing their safety and residence, while legal proceedings are under way (Indonesia);

136.21 Deepen the measures to guarantee the principle of non-refoulement (Argentina).

137. The recommendations formulated during the interactive dialogue/listed below have been examined by Jordan and have been noted by Jordan:

137.1 Ratify other international human rights legal instruments to which Jordan is not yet a party (Angola);

137.2 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Denmark) (Estonia) (Chile) (Ukraine) (Honduras) (Spain);

137.3 Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Montenegro); Consider ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Sri Lanka);

137.4 Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Honduras); Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Croatia); Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Montenegro);

137.5 Pursue efforts to refrain from using the death penalty and further reduce the number of capital crimes, with a view to abolishing the death penalty (Slovakia);

137.6 Establish a moratorium on the death penalty as a step towards its complete abolition and accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Australia);

137.7 Re-establish the moratorium on the death penalty (Chile); Consider the adoption of a moratorium on the death penalty (Italy);

137.8 Establish an official moratorium on the death penalty and revise the laws that call for its mandatory imposition or its application for crimes other than the “most serious crimes” (Brazil);

137.9 Reinstatement of the moratorium on the death penalty, as a step towards its abolition (Albania); Reinstatement of its moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its complete abolition (Fiji); Restoration of its moratorium on the application of the death penalty and taking the necessary steps for its definitive abolition (Honduras); Establishment of a moratorium on executions and commutation of all existing death sentences for the full abolition of the death penalty (Iceland); Establishment of a moratorium on the application of the death penalty with a view to abolishing it (Lithuania); Restoration of the moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition (Mexico); Following our recommendations in 2013, taking the necessary measures to remove the death penalty from the Jordanian legal framework (Argentina); Abolition of the death penalty (Norway); Re-establishment of a de facto moratorium on the death penalty with a view to its abolition (Portugal); Restoration of the moratorium on the implementation of the death penalty as a first step towards its abolition (Spain); Reinstatement of a moratorium as a first step towards the abolition of the death penalty (Austria); Establishment of a moratorium on the abolition of the death penalty (Switzerland); Abolition of the death penalty, restoration without delay of the moratorium on executions and ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (France);

137.10 Consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, while also establishing a de facto moratorium (Uruguay);

137.11 Consider the possibility of restoring the moratorium on the death penalty and joining the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Colombia); Reinstatement of a moratorium on the death penalty and ultimately ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Estonia);

137.12 Ratify the first Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Honduras);

137.13 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Denmark); Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Colombia);

137.14 Support more effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention against Torture, submit its pending reports to the Committee against Torture, accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and establish its national preventive mechanism accordingly (Czechia);

137.15 Consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Sri Lanka);

137.16 Consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Sri Lanka);

137.17 Ratify the human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, in particular the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Honduras);

137.18 Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Bangladesh);

137.19 Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Honduras) (Côte d'Ivoire);

137.20 Ratify, without any reservations, the Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court (Norway);

- 137.21 Consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Philippines) (Sri Lanka);
- 137.22 Pursue full implementation of the Convention against Torture and consider acceding to the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture (Romania);
- 137.23 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and officially and publicly condemn all acts of torture and ill-treatment committed by the public authorities; classify torture as a criminal offence, assign jurisdiction over all cases to regular courts and provide protection and compensation to victims (Austria);
- 137.24 Ratify the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) of the International Labour Organization (Switzerland);
- 137.25 Strengthen legislation to protect children and girls from child marriage and amend article 10 of the Personal Status Law to remove all provisions that allow the authorization and the practice of child marriage (Belgium);
- 137.26 Respect journalists' right to freedom of expression by restricting the trial of journalists for "publications crimes" stipulated in the Criminal Code to civilian courts, and by amending article 11 of the cybercrime law, to narrow the definition of hate speech (Canada);
- 137.27 Amend article 292 of the Criminal Code to include marital rape and eliminate attenuating circumstances for honour crimes (Chile);
- 137.28 Remove all exceptional conditions from legislation that allow the authorization of child marriage (Croatia);
- 137.29 Repeal article 340 of the Criminal Code and ensure that the definition of rape meets international standards, and repeal article 10 (b) of the Personal Status Law that enables derogation from the prohibition of child marriage (France);
- 137.30 Amend the Personal Status Law to remove conditions that allow child marriage and to eliminate the recognition of legal guardians of adult women (Ireland);
- 137.31 Accelerate efforts to repeal all remaining discriminatory provisions to end male guardianship in marriage and protective custody, especially article 185 of the Personal Status Law, and amend article 223 of that law in order to give women and men joint guardianship of their children (Netherlands);
- 137.32 Repeal the Crime Prevention Act (Act No. 7 of 1954) (Australia);
- 137.33 Amend the Personal Status Law to remove all exceptional conditions that allow the authorization and practice of child marriage (Slovenia);
- 137.34 Amend the Personal Status Law to give women and men joint guardianship of their children (Slovenia);
- 137.35 Continue to make progress in the reform of the Criminal Code in order to abolish reduced sentences for adultery-related murders (Spain);
- 137.36 Abolish the legal guardianship system of women and children contained in the Personal Status Law (Spain);
- 137.37 Further advance the amendments of the Act on Public Gatherings by creating an independent bureau to receive complaints regarding meetings and gatherings that have been shut down without explanation (Sweden);
- 137.38 Repeal the law on associations in order to streamline the administrative processes which restrict the activities and the funding of civil society organizations (Switzerland);

- 137.39 **Repeal the 1954 Crime Prevention Act and guarantee to detainees the right to mount a legal challenge to their detention (Switzerland);**
- 137.40 **Initiate a review of the current legislation relating to child marriage and guardianship and take action to comprehensively address its shortcomings from a standpoint of international standards on women's rights (Ukraine);**
- 137.41 **Continue with cooperation efforts for capacity-building of the Office of the Government Coordinator for Human Rights, representing ministries, institutions and official bodies, the Government and security forces, which has been in place since 2014 (United Arab Emirates);**
- 137.42 **Legislate to penalize discrimination, including on the basis of gender, race, age, disability, religion or belief, and sexual orientation (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**
- 137.43 **Remove the definition of "hate speech" from the proposed amendments to the cybercrime law and eliminate criminal penalties for defamation in the proposed amendments to be more in line with international human rights law (United States of America);**
- 137.44 **Guarantee women equal responsibilities to their husbands in the education of their children by amending article 223 of the Personal Status Law (Belgium);**
- 137.45 **Provide a legal basis for equality between men and women by amending article 6 of the Constitution to ban explicitly discrimination based on gender, and lift its reservations to articles 9 and 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Canada);**
- 137.46 **Introduce further reforms to ensure Jordanian women have the same rights as Jordanian men, including passing on their nationality to their children as Jordanian men can, thus combating gender inequality while ensuring respect for children's rights (Cyprus);**
- 137.47 **Ensure full implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and remove reservations to article 9 (Czechia);**
- 137.48 **Grant the same rights to women as to men in the transmission of nationality to children (France);**
- 137.49 **Allow all Jordanian women to pass on their citizenship to their children and spouses on an equal basis with Jordanian men (Hungary);**
- 137.50 **Continue its efforts for gender equality and allow Jordanian women to pass on their citizenship to their children and spouses (Iceland);**
- 137.51 **Implement reforms to ensure that Jordanian women can transmit nationality to their children and spouses on an equal footing with men (Mexico);**
- 137.52 **Following our recommendations in 2013, take the necessary measures to investigate and punish discriminatory practices against women and girls, such as early marriage or honour crimes (Argentina);**
- 137.53 **Take immediate measures to stop mistreatment in custody; amend article 208 (2) of the Criminal Code so the definition of torture aligns with the Convention against Torture; cease trying civilians in military courts; create an independent oversight body to address allegations of abuse by security forces (Canada);**
- 137.54 **Limit resorting to the State Security Court for criminal cases falling within the jurisdiction of other competent courts (France);**
- 137.55 **Guarantee that every person that is arrested has access to legal representation and legal aid, from the moment of arrest, regardless of the**

alleged crime, promptly implement all relevant regulations in this regard, and ensure civilian prosecutors investigate all allegations of abuse in detention (Germany);

137.56 Grant civilian prosecutors jurisdiction over allegations of abuse of detainees and allow them to carry out effective investigations, including by having private meetings with prisoners, and conduct regular inspections of prisons (Hungary);

137.57 End the use of administrative detention and introduce legislation to guarantee access to a lawyer from the point of arrest (Norway);

137.58 Refer cases of alleged torture by security officials to independent civil courts rather than police courts, which fall under the authority of the Ministry of the Interior (United States of America);

137.59 Work towards withdrawal of its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Estonia);

137.60 Withdraw its reservation to article 9 (2) of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and amend the Law on Nationality so that Jordanian women may pass on their citizenship to their children on an equal basis with Jordanian men, and end the discrimination against all non-citizen children of Jordanian women (Germany);

137.61 Further strengthen its legislation to ensure respect for women's and girls' human rights and to fully outlaw gender-based discrimination (Lithuania);

137.62 Create legislative and social conditions to allow the de facto empowerment of Jordanian women and launch awareness campaigns on women's rights (Angola);

137.63 Withdraw all its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and amend legislation to bring it into compliance with the Convention, including by amending provisions of the Personal Status Law and the Law on Nationality (Norway);

137.64 Take effective steps to advance women's rights, namely with regard to their transmission of citizenship to their children or spouses (Portugal);

137.65 Remove all remaining discriminatory provisions in its national legislation to ensure consistency with the provisions of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Australia);

137.66 Consider withdrawing its reservations to articles 9 and 16 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Sri Lanka);

137.67 Implement the recommendations made by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in 2017, in particular by amending provisions in the Personal Status Law concerning guardianship and preventing the practice of early or child marriage in all groups of society (Austria);

137.68 Ensure that women and girls can exercise their sexual and reproductive rights (Uruguay);

137.69 Adopt measures to guarantee that Jordanian women can fully enjoy their civil rights, including by allowing them to pass on their citizenship to their children on an equal basis with men (Brazil);

137.70 Intensify its efforts to fully eliminate child, early and forced marriage (Lithuania);

137.71 Take all necessary measures to ensure the full implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocols, including

ratification of the Optional Protocol on a communications procedure (Slovakia);

137.72 Treat migrant workers and members of their families in accordance with international human rights standards (Afghanistan);

137.73 Continue its efforts for social inclusion and adequate welfare support for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers (Myanmar);

137.74 Continue reform measures to ensure the welfare of all migrant workers (Nepal).

138. All conclusions and/or recommendations contained in the present report reflect the position of the submitting State(s) and/or the State under review. They should not be construed as endorsed by the Working Group as a whole.

Annex

Composition of the delegation

The delegation of Jordan was headed by H.E. Mr. Bassel Al TARAWNEH, General Government Coordinator for Human Rights and composed of the following members:

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 - Mr. Ayeche AL AWAMLEH, Ministry of Social Development;
 - Mrs. Ghadeer ATTIEH, Ministry of Labour;
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 - Lt. Col. Sameh AL HIDYANE, Public Security Directorate;
 - Captain Aia'a BANI FAWAZ, Military Judge;
 - Judge Mansoor AL TAWALBEH, Supreme Judge Department;
 - Judge Ali ALMUSEIMI, Director of Planning and Training Unit, Ministry of Justice;
 - Mrs. Amal HADADDIN, The Jordanian National Commission for Women;
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 - Mrs. Basma AL AWAM LEH, Civil Society Representative.
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