

**17th Session of the UPR Working Group: review of Jordan
Statement by Amb. Daw Penjo, Permanent Representative of the
Kingdom of Bhutan on 24th October 2013.**

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to this session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation of their National Report.

We commend the government of Jordan for many reforms and amendments made in its domestic legislative framework to incorporate the recommendations made during its last review. In particular, we welcome the amendments made in the Constitution and the Criminal Code of 2011, aimed towards harmonizing the existing legislation with international human rights instruments.

We note with appreciation, numerous positive measures undertaken to enhance the protection and promotion of the rights of women and children through the launching of several national strategies including the National Strategy for Women (2013-2017) and the National Framework for Combating Child Labour.

We also applaud Jordan's efforts in creating awareness on human rights in the society through various means such as the inclusion of the concept of human rights in school and university curricula and also through comprehensive training programmes for law enforcement officials.

In conclusion, we would like to recommend the government of Jordan to continue its efforts to strengthen the role of its national mechanisms and institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, particularly those of women and children.

I thank you Mr. President