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Mr. President,

Brazil welcomes the delegation of Jordan to the second cycle of the Universal Periodic Review.

Brazil commends Jordan for the comprehensive social and political reforms implemented. They represent positive steps towards democratization and the promotion and protection of human rights. These include the amendment of one third of the articles of the Constitution.

We appreciate the launching of a series of national strategies and policies, particularly the National Strategies for Women, Older Persons and Persons with Disabilities, and the National Framework for Combating Child Labour.

Brazil also welcomes the solidarity demonstrated by Jordan in receiving the influx of around one million Syrian refugees. We call on the international community to bear its legal and moral responsibilities for supporting Jordan to meet its obligations.

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As a follow-up to the recommendations presented by Brazil in the first cycle, we are pleased to learn that reservations to Article 15 (4) of the CEDAW Convention have been withdrawn and that the Protection from Domestic Violence Act was approved. We express deep concern, however, at the practice of allowing perpetrators of rape to escape prosecution by marrying their victims, as well as at customary practices, such as "honour crimes".

Brazil recommends that Jordan lift the reservation to Article 9 (2) of the CEDAW Convention, so as to grant women equal rights with men with respect to the nationality of their children.

Brazil recognizes positive efforts towards the elimination of torture, such as amendments to the Constitution in 2011 that included the prohibition of torture or of the admission of confessions obtained under torture. We recommend that Jordan remove jurisdiction over torture cases involving police and prison abuse from the Police Court to civil courts.

Thank you.