

**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM  
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Thank you Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam would like to thank the delegation of Jordan led by His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Hussein Al Momani, Minister of State for Media Affairs and Communications for the presentation of the national report.

We congratulate Jordan on conducting broad consultations involving all relevant stakeholders in the preparation of its national report.

Brunei Darussalam acknowledges Jordan's continued commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights for its people. This is evidently seen through the enactment of several new and amended laws related to human rights.

We appreciate the steps taken to promote the advancement and empowerment of women and to combat discrimination against women. We are also pleased to note that Jordan has taken various measures to protect the rights of persons with disabilities through the implementation of the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities. We recommend Jordan to continue strengthening its efforts in the promotion and protection of the rights of the vulnerable groups, particularly women and persons with disabilities.

We are encouraged by Jordan's efforts to promote and protect the right to health, and the right to education for its people. In this regard, we would recommend that these efforts continue in order to further improve the standard of living for all.

Brunei Darussalam appreciates Jordan's contribution in the international arena, particularly in peacekeeping and peacemaking operations. Finally, we are pleased to support Jordan's continued cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr President.