



Universal Periodic Review of JORDAN, 24 October 2013
Intervention by the delegation of Estonia

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to its UPR.

Estonia acknowledges the efforts made by Jordan accommodating hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees who affect the functioning of the country and for whom the most basic of human rights – the right to life – is often at stake.

While commending Jordan on the increase in participation of women in decision-making, we encourage Jordan to continue its efforts to promote women's rights and gender equality in political and public life. We further advise Jordan to work towards the withdrawal of existing reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

Estonia notes with appreciation that Jordan has taken several positive steps towards promoting the freedom of expression. Estonia encourages Jordan to continue with these measures also by eliminating restrictions introduced to the regulation of the local electronic news websites, particularly by the 2012 amendments to the Press and Publications Law.

Finally, Estonia very warmly welcomes the work and support of Jordan regarding the implementation of the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court mandate.

Estonia would like to make **the following recommendations** to the Government of Jordan:

- to reduce **all forms of violence against women and children** and to ratify the **Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT)**;
- to fully ensure the right to **exercise freedom of expression, including Internet freedom**, and, in this respect, **amend the regulations for online media**;
- to ratify **the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC (APIC)**

We would like to wish the delegation of Jordan every success in their review meeting.

Thank you!