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Good against Better

Thank you Mr President.

As a fellow member of the OIC, the Maldives welcomes the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the 17th session of the UPR and wishes to commend the active role taken by the government to promote and fulfil their human rights obligations in general. We also appreciate their constructive engagement with the Council and its mechanisms.

The Maldives would like to make the following recommendations:

- First, to withdraw its reservations to article 9 paragraph 2 of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Second, to adopt further measures to increase the participation of women in political life, including, to serve as senior level officials in the executive and judicial branches, at the national and local levels.

Mr President,

The Maldives welcomes the acceptance of many recommendations on human rights issues during its first review. We deeply appreciate the extensive efforts undertaken by Jordan to implement those agreed recommendations and commend the existing initiatives, especially on women's rights.

We also wish to express our appreciation, and commend Jordan for the invaluable role they have played in the Human Rights Council and in engaging with other delegations on a number of issues. Jordan is a friend and partner of the Maldives, and will always look forward to collaborating with them in the Human Rights Council.

We wish the delegation of Jordan all the best in its review.

Thank you Mr President