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Mister President, the Philippines thanks the delegation of Jordan for the presentation of its 2nd UPR report.

The Philippines notes that the Jordanian Constitution guarantees the rights and general and fundamental freedoms of persons in the areas of civil, economic, political, and cultural life. We laud Jordan's strong political will to introduce amendments to the Jordanian Constitution to align provisions with fundamental human rights principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other applicable international human rights treaties.

The Philippines welcomes the enactment, during the review period, of several domestic legislations and regulations that further strengthened the normative and institutional framework for human rights in Jordan. The launch of comprehensive strategies and policies in recent years to implement Jordan's human rights programs show Jordan's commitment to improving the quality of life of its people. Jordan's success in meeting its Millenium Development Goals is indeed commendable.

Mister President, we are pleased that concerned government agencies in Jordan are consistently engaged in bilateral discussion with the Philippines regarding the promotion and protection of Filipinos working in Jordan. Noting that Jordan is host to thousands of migrant workers, we urge Jordan to embrace the international standard for protection of the rights of migrant workers. We **recommend** that Jordan consider ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families. We also **recommend** that Jordan consider ratifying the ILO Convention 189.

In closing, Mister President, the Philippines wishes Jordan success in its second UPR. Thank you.*END*