

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



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Universal Periodic Review of Jordan, 24th October 2013**

Statement by: Rwanda Delegation

Thank you Mr President,

Rwanda would like to welcome the delegation of Jordan to the second Cycle of the UPR.

Rwanda commends the Jordanian delegation for their comprehensive national report.

We note with appreciation that since the submission of the first national report, Jordan enacted a number of laws to strengthen and protect human rights. In particular we commend Jordan for the following legislations:

1. The Social Security Act,
2. The criminal code Act,
3. The Commission to combat Corruption Act,
4. The Statute of the National Centre for Women's health care and
5. The judicial Independence Act. To mention a few.

Rwanda compliments Jordan for withdrawing its reservation to article 15, paragraph 4 of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of discrimination against Women.

We also note positively the efforts of Jordan to increase the number of

women in decision-making positions.

We commend Jordan for its standing invitation to the special procedures as well as to international NGOs to visit the country.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations for consideration:

1. To take further measures to increase the participation of women in political life,
2. To consider ratifying the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,
3. To consider acceding to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1 Protocol;

Finally, We call on the international community for properly resourced assistance to refugees and host communities in Jordan.

I thank you