



**Statement by the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka  
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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Jordan led by ... .. to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the comprehensive presentation this morning.

We take note of Jordan's achievements in the field of human rights since its first UPR, as elaborated in the national report. The Government of Jordan has taken many initiatives at the national level in support of economic, social and cultural rights.

We welcome efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, and initiatives to promote the empowerment of women and their participation in public life, notably the National Strategy for Jordanian Women 2012-2015. Also noteworthy are measures to protect children from economic exploitation and the framework for the elimination of child labour.

We commend the provision of educational opportunities for all and note that many resources are channelled to develop the education sector. We are pleased that efforts in the achievement of Millennium Development Goals have yielded positive results.

Sri Lanka makes the following recommendations to Jordan:

1. Continue to undertake measures to eliminate poverty and to combat unemployment;
2. Strengthen efforts to safeguard the rights of women migrant workers

We wish Jordan success in its UPR engagement.

Thank you.