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Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to welcome H.E. Mr. Mohammed Hussein Al Momani and his delegation and thank the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for this detailed national report and its successful presentation.

We welcome the steps taken by Jordan towards political and economic reform and fully support the ongoing reform process.

In this respect, we would like to commend the amendment of the constitution, parties and elections laws, establishment of an independent Election Commission and the Constitutional Court, as well as the peaceful and orderly general and municipal elections held within this year.

The vision of evolutionary change, as outlined by His Majesty King Abdullah II in his four discussion papers, includes indispensable guidelines for the advancement of the reform process. We think that it will be critically important to continue the process in an inclusive manner so as to include the views of all segments of the society. In this connection, the constructive dialogue that the Minister of Parliamentary and Political Affairs is trying to establish with all political groups is noteworthy.

As also stated in the national report, empowerment of women and promotion of gender equality are critical areas where there is room for further development. In this respect, the increase of gender quotas in the Parliament, and the work of the Jordanian National Commission for Women are positive steps which are needed to be supported and developed. To this aim, we **recommend** the Jordanian Government to continue with its efforts to promote women's participation in the political sphere and **further recommend** to consider launching awareness raising campaigns on the empowerment of women in public and political life.

I thank you, Mr. President.