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**WG UPR 45 – Jordan**

***Intervention of Belgium***

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President,

Belgium thanks the delegation of the Kingdom of Jordan for its comprehensive briefing.

We acknowledge the positive steps taken by the government of Jordan, notably on amending Chapter II of the Constitution and the adoption of the 2022 law on children’s rights. However, challenges remain, particularly regarding the right to freedom of opinion and expression and the human rights of women. Therefore Belgium would like to recommend to:

**R1.** Respond positively to outstanding requests for visits by Special Rapporteurs, such as the special rapporteurs on human rights and countering terrorism; on the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association; and on the right to freedom of opinion and expression.

**R2.** Strengthen legislation to protect children and particularly girls from child and early marriage and amend Article 10 of the Personal Status Law to remove all provisions that allow the authorization and the practice of child and early marriage.

**R3.** Amend Article 6 of the Constitution in order to add the interdiction of discrimination on the basis of gender.

Thank you, President.