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Mr President,

Cyprus welcomes the participation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and thanks the delegation for its report.

Cyprus commends the Kingdom for the adoption of the first law on the Rights of the Child in 2022. The strengthening of the legal aid system in line with the recommendations made during the previous UPR cycle, as well as the implementation of alternative punishments to incarceration, also constitute important advancements.

To this end, Cyprus would like to recommend

* To continue working on the implementation of legislation aimed at eliminating gender discrimination.
* To continue organizing specialized training courses for prosecutors and law enforcement agencies on the implementation of mechanisms to protect human rights in cases of gender-based violence, allegations of torture and human trafficking.
* To consider practical and legal steps to curb child marriage
* To ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, with the aim of abolishing the death penalty.