**Statement by Romania**

**The 45th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Jordan**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Jordan’s delegation and wishes it a successful outcome of the UPR.

We’ve taken note with appreciation of the objectives and progress made within the economic and political modernization processes, including with regard to the rights of the child and women’s role in political and economic life. Yet, challenges linked to the legal discrimination of women and gender based violence still persist.

We would like to constructively recommend Jordan to:

1. Continue implementing the reforms initiated in education sector, with the view to ensure greater inclusion, diversity and equal access of children in disadvantaged situations;
2. Repeal all discriminatory legal provisions against women and girls and address stereotypical beliefs about gender roles in society and institutions;
3. Prohibit explicitly by law corporal punishment of children in all settings and the sexual harassment in employment field;
4. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights/ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty as well as the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture/OPCAT.

Thank you, Mr. President!