

Statement by

**the Republic of Slovenia**

at the

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Mr President,

Slovenia commends the delegation of Jordan for the national report, its presentation today and the commitment to the UPR process.

Slovenia would like to make the following recommendations:

* to take additional and effective measures to prevent acts of sexual and gender-based violence against girls by criminalizing all forms of such violence and holding the perpetrators of such crimes accountable;
* to reestablish a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to its abolition and to reduce the number of crimes punishable by the death penalty.

Slovenia acknowledges the adoption of constitutional amendments and the National Strategy for Women (2020–2025) that contribute to women's empowerment and gender equality.

Concerning the issue of child marriage, Slovenia supports the adoption of the National Strategy to Reduce the Marriage of Persons under the Age of 18 in Jordan (2018–2022), but remains concerned about its implementation. We call upon Jordan to enforce an unequivocal prohibition on all child marriages, without exceptions, for individuals under the age of 18.

While noting the constitutionally granted freedom of opinion and expression, we remain concerned about several cases of arrest and detention of journalists. We encourage Jordan to enhance its efforts in regard to safeguarding the freedom of opinion and expression and independent journalism.

Thank you.