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Review of Jordan

Recommendations by Sweden

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President,

Sweden welcomes the progress made in Jordan with respect to the empowerment of women and efforts to tackle violence and discrimination against women and girls. However, we are concerned as regards the restrictions on freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, as well as reports of shrinking civic space, both offline and online. Sweden also remains concerned that the death penalty is still applied.

Sweden would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Review relevant legislation to ensure the right to freedom of expression in line with the Jordanian Constitution and international standards, including as regards protection of privacy online as well as offline.
2. Ensure women’s and girls’ full enjoyment of economic rights and equal protection, by amending the Personal Status law, in line with best international practice.
3. Abolish the death penalty.

Thank you.