**United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland**

**Statement**

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Thank you, Mr Vice-President and a warm welcome to the Jordanian delegation,

The United Kingdom welcomes Jordan's efforts in advancing human rights, particularly in promoting the role of women in political and economic life.

We also recognise the significant constitutional amemendents made by Jordan to empower and protect women from violence and discrimination, and steps taken to guarantee the rights of children, including by passing the first Child Rights bill.

We recommend that Jordan:

1. Amends articles 292 and 293 of the Criminal Code to de-criminalize marital rape.
2. Stops the use of extended pre-trial and administrative detention to target political activists, writers, journalists, and website editors, and abolish Penal Code article 191.
3. Ensures the political reforms, led by His Majesty the King, are taken forward in a manner that opens space for forming political parties, in line with constitutional safeguards.

Thank you.