**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Jordan**

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**As delivered by Kelly Billingsley**

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.

The United States welcomes the delegation from the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

We express appreciation for Jordan’s role and leadership in providing life-saving and humanitarian aid. We call on Jordan to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including for members of marginalized populations.

In the spirit of constructive engagement, we recommend that Jordan:

1. Ensure protection of freedom of expression including for journalists and other members of civil society so that they have the ability to speak freely, including to criticize the government.
2. Reform the 2023 Cybercrime Law so that it does not restrict freedom of expression.
3. Allow civil society groups to continue to access foreign funding to deliver services and to promote government transparency, with clear explanations for any denials to ensure a fair appeal process.
4. Improve social protection and reduce risk of statelessness by allowing all Jordanian women to pass citizenship to their children and spouses, comparable to what Jordanian men are able to do.

I thank you.