**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF JORDAN AT THE 31ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 8 NOVEMBER 2018**

Mr President,

Jordan’s admirable humanitarian contributions to the Syrian crisis are well-recognised and appreciated by the international community. We commend Jordan for its commitment to the promotion and protection of the human rights of its people through concrete measures such as the adoption of its Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan 2016-2025 and the National Plan for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030, while having to concurrently serve the humanitarian needs of both the Syrian refugees and host communities affected by the Syrian crisis.

Jordan has made concrete efforts to advance the rights of persons with disabilities since its last review, including enacting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act in 2017 and developing a comprehensive national plan for the integration of persons with disabilities in educational institutions.

We recommend that the government continue to implement measures to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in particular in educational institutions, and to enhance support for caregivers of persons with disabilities.

We commend Jordan for its strong commitment to advance the rights of women through measures such as the formation of a Ministerial Committee for the Empowerment of Women, the repeal of Article 308 of the Criminal Code (which exempted rapists from punishment if they married their victims), and the enactment of the Protection from Domestic Violence Act in 2017.

We recommend that the government allocates sufficient resources to ensure the effective implementation of its National Strategy for Women 2020-2030 once it has been updated.

Singapore and Jordan share warm and long-standing bilateral relations. We look forward to strengthening cooperation across various sectors, including exchanging best practices on strengthening social cohesion.

Thank you Mr President.

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