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**JORDAN**

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**Statement by the Czech Republic**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Jordan for its presentation. We commend the Government of Jordan for their openness and positive attitude to the human rights agenda. In particular, we congratulate the Government on an adoption of the executive plan to implement the Comprehensive National Plan for Human Rights 2016-2025 to promote a culture and principles of human rights.

At the same time, we note that the recommendations provided by the Czech Republic in the previous UPR cycle are yet to be fully implemented. In this respect, **we recommend that the Government of Jordan**:

Firstly, supports the more effective implementation of provisions of CAT and submit its pending reports to CAT as well as accedes to OP-CAT and establishes its national preventive mechanism accordingly.

Secondly, ensures full implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and removes reservations to Article 9 of CEDAW.

Thirdly, guarantees freedom of expression and halts detentions of all writers, journalists, and website editors based on charges related to freedom of expression as well as abolishes Penal Code articles which place impermissible restrictions on freedom of expression both offline and online.

Thank you.