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Mr President,

We welcome the Jordanian delegation.

We praise Jordan for the steps taken towards political and economic reforms; a process which we fully support.

Considering the challenges and threats faced by Jordan in the region, as well as internal dynamics and the gradual character of all reform process, we think that it is critically important to continue this process with a view to including all segments of society.

We welcome positive developments in the field of women rights in Jordan. Abolishment of Article 308 of the Penal Code which allowed the rapist to avoid punishment by marrying his victims and increase in the sentence for perpetrators of honour crimes are noticeable two examples among many others. **We recommend Jordan to** continue reviewing its legal framework for the protection of women against gender-based violence and domestic violence. We also **recommend** Jordan to consider the elaboration of a comprehensive strategy in the efforts to modify and eliminate all forms of attitudes and stereotypes that discriminate against women.

Finally, we commend the cooperation of Jordanian authorities and encourage the Jordanian Government to continue to keep its commitment to respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms within the framework of the Constitution, international commitments and governmental policies.

Thank you.