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**Recommendations by Canada for Jordan’s UPR**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Canada acknowledges progress made by Jordan since the last UPR review in 2014 and welcomes its continued commitment to advancing human rights.

Canada recommends that Jordan:

1. Provide a legal basis for equality between men and women by amending article 6 of the constitution to ban explicitly discrimination based on gender and lift reservations on article 9 and article 16 of CEDAW.
2. Take immediate measures to stop mistreatment in custody: amend article 208 para 2 of the Penal Code so the definition of torture aligns with the Convention Against Torture; cease trying civilians in military courts; create an independent oversight body to address allegations of abuse by security forces.
3. Respect journalists’ right to freedom of expression by restricting the trial of journalists for “publications crimes” stipulated in the Penal Code to civilian courts, and by amending article 11 of the cybercrimes law, to narrow the definition of the hate speech.

Canada strongly encourages Jordan to end restrictions on meetings of civil society under its Crime Prevention law to respect article 21 of the ICCPR and sustain an active and responsible civil society, which is essential to a stable and productive society and a vibrant democracy.