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**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands thanks the delegation of Jordan for the presentation of its national report.

The Netherlands would like to commend Jordan for the large number of refugees it has welcomed, and for the adoption of the Comprehensive National Plan for Human Rights 2016-2025.

Jordan has made progress in the field of women’s emancipation. However, joint guardianship of children within marriages is still not secured in the law.

Despite the importance of the agricultural sector, the Jordanian labour law does not include agricultural workers. This deprives them from full enjoyment of fair and acceptable work conditions.

The Netherlands **recommends** Jordan:

1. To accelerate its efforts in repealing all remaining discriminatory provisions to end male guardianship in marriage, especially article 185 of the PSL and the protective custody, and to amend article 223 of the PSL to give women and men joint guardianship of their children.
2. To amend the labour law in order to protect the rights of agricultural workers, thereby including legal safeguards ensuring decent working conditions.

The Netherlands wishes Jordan every success with the implementation, reporting and follow-up of all the UPR recommendations that it receives during this third UPR cycle.

Thank you, Mr. President.