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Mr. Vice-President,

Cyprus welcomes Jordan’s participation in the 3rd Cycle of the UPR and commends its authorities for its comprehensive national report, as well as for today’s presentation.

Cyprus welcomes the Kingdom’s adoption of an executive plan to implement the *Comprehensive National Plan for Human Rights 2016-2025*, in line with UPR-2 recommendations. Furthermore, knowing also the weight that Jordan has and continues to bear regarding the hosting of Syrian refugees, the reforms the Kingdom has undertaken – including the law on the independence of the judiciary – show commitment and are further encouraged.

* In view of this, Cyprus recommends that Jordan introduces further reforms to ensure Jordanian women have the same rights as men, including the right to pass on their nationality to their children as Jordanian men, thus combating gender inequality while ensuring respect for children’s rights.

Thank you.