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**Review of Jordan**

**Intervention by Delegation of Ukraine**

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**Mr. President,**

We thank the delegation of Jordan for presenting the country’s report.

Ukraine recognizes the progress of Jordan in improving the human rights situation, including through fulfillment of the recommendations accepted during its second UPR cycle.

Specifically, we would like to commend Jordan for its robust institutional human rights framework as well as for successful legislative efforts, in particular:

* toughening of penalties for torture and beating resulting in death against children and women,
* promulgation of the new law for the disabled,
* establishment of the specialized shelter for victims of human trafficking.

We believe Jordan can reconfirm its strong commitment to further improving the human rights situation by accepting the following **recommendations:**

* to ratify the Optional Protocol of the Convention Against Torture,
* to ensure effective protection of the rights of the child through developing a state strategy and national legislation,
* to initiate a review of the current legislation related to child marriage and guardianship and take action to comprehensively address its shortcomings from a standpoint of international standards of women’s rights.

**Thank you**.