**31st SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP**

**REVIEW OF JORDAN**

**Statement of Croatia**

Mr. President,

Croatia warmly **welcomes** the delegation of Jordan and thanks them for the presentation of their UPR report.

Croatia welcomes the Government’s commitment to implement the Comprehensive National Plan for Human Rights 2016-2025. We would also like to commend the progress achieved since the last UPR cycle in the field of women protection and in this sense highlight the opening of the first shelter for women victims of violence. We must call on the Government to continue this positive trend and amend the legislation which recognises men as the sole legal guardians of children and adult women.

Further progress is needed also concerning child marriage, which, reportedly, is on the rise. Recognizing the important role Jordan has as a host country for refugees we would like to encourage the government to pay additional attention to the issue of child marriage in refugee camps.

Finally, we regret to see that the *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty is no longer in effect.

Mr President,

Allow us to address Jordan with two recommendations in this regard

1. Remove all exceptional conditions from legislation that allow the authorisation of child marriage
2. Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty

Croatia would like to compliment the Government of Jordan for the progress achieved and wish them a successful review session.

Thank you.