**Statement by Iceland**

**UPR31-Jordan**

Mr. President

Iceland welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Jordan.

We welcome the efforts of Jordan related to addressing domestic violence, to ensuring the free and informed consent required for marriage and the political participation of women. Jordan´s efforts to accommodate and fulfil the rights of Syrian refugees are commendable.

We deeply regret, however, that Jordan has decided to lift its de facto moratorium on the death penalty.

Iceland makes the following recommendations:

1. Continue its efforts for gender equality and allow Jordanian women to pass on their citizenship to their children and spouses.
2. Ensure that all surveillance of communications is conducted with respect for the right to privacy and in compliance with Jordan’s human rights obligations.
3. Recognize the important work of human rights defenders facing discrimination or marginalization and ensure their effective protection against threats and violence they face.
4. Establish a moratorium on executions and commute all existing death sentences for the full abolition of the death penalty.

I wish Jordan all success for its UPR.

I thank you