**Universal Periodic Review of Jordan**

**8 November 2018**

**Intervention by delegation of Estonia**

Estonia warmly welcomes the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to its third UPR.

Estonia would like to acknowledge positive steps taken by Jordan since the last UPR, including the adoption and implementation of the Comprehensive National Plan for Human Rights (2016-2025) and the advancements made in the realization of women’s rights. Estonia commends Jordan’s extraordinary efforts to host a large number of Syrian refugees in its territory. We have noted with appreciation Jordan’s efforts to open double-shifts in its schools to provide education for Syrian refugee children. It is important that every child can get a proper education despite of the status in society.

Estonia would like to recommend to the Government of Jordan to:

- ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OP-CAT);

- reinstate a moratorium on death penalty and ultimately ratify the Second Optional Protocol to International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR-OP2);

- work towards withdrawal of its reservations made to the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);

- enable unrestricted access to Internet for all members of society by ensuring cybersecurity and the safe flow of information without violating the freedom of expression nor the right to privacy.

Estonia would like to wish Jordan every success in the UPR process and in subsequent implementation of the recommendations.

Thank you!