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**On the UPR of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**

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Mr. President,

Albania warmly welcomes the delegation of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and thanks it for the presentation of the third national report.

We appreciate the steps taken by Jordan to promote continued protection and humanitarian assistance to Syrian and other refugees on its territory, thus playing a key role in creating a new dynamic model of international cooperation in response to humanitarian crises.

Albania commends Jordan for the important steps it has taken to strengthen the national human rights framework and its constructive cooperation with the human rights treaty bodies.

We note with appreciation the revision of the framework for judicial proceedings, aimed at ensuring the right to a fair trial, and encourage Jordan to also strengthen capacity building efforts for legal professionals in the application of international legal norms and standards relating to the human rights of women.

Albania would like to make the following recommendations for the Government of Jordan:

1. to undertake further steps to remove the persisting barriers to women’s access to justice;
2. to strengthen the legal framework for the protection of women against domestic violence;
3. to reinstate the moratorium on the death penalty, as a step towards abolition.

We wish Jordan a successful UPR session.

Thank you, Mr. President.