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Oral statement on the outcome on Jordan under the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

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Mr President,

The Geneva Centre for Human Rights Advancement and Global Dialogue welcomes the endeavours made by Jordan to enhance the improvement of its own human rights situation, and to comply with the recommendations put forward by UN member States during the UPR review process.

As highlighted in its national report, Jordan has implemented 39 out of the 131 recommendations that were submitted from the previous review session and which enjoy the support of Amman, in particular with regard to enhancing women's rights, promoting the right to work and advancing the right to education. This includes the implementation of a set of key human rights reforms mainstreamed through the Comprehensive National Human Rights Plan for the period 2016 – 2025.

The Geneva Centre likewise notes the additional 21 recommendations and the 74 recommendations that Amman took note of in the Working Group's report.

In light of its national report, we encourage Jordan to implement the remaining list of recommendations it has approved, particularly in relation to strengthening the independence of the judiciary system, enhancing capacity building for law enforcement agencies and combatting trafficking in persons.

The Geneva Centre likewise appeals to Jordan to ratify other human rights treaties to which it is not yet a party, including the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

To make best use of the outcome of the UPR implementation review process, it is important that the number of recommendations submitted to States under review be kept to a manageable number.

One notes an inflation of 226 recommendations in the Working Group's report on Jordan and we therefore appeal to the Council to encourage the Troika to be authorized to synthesize recommendations to a maximum of 50 per country through appropriate consultations. This would contribute to strengthening the efficiency of the UPR, and facilitating the implementation of relevant measures to improve the human rights situation in States under review. This applies in particular for small- and medium-sized States that are not in a position to allocate the resources required to comply with the hundreds of UPR recommendations added to all additional policy recommendations from other human rights bodies.

Thank you Mr President.