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Review of Jordan
Statement of Ireland
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Ireland warmly welcomes the delegation of Jordan and expresses appreciation for its engagement with the UPR process.

Ireland commends Jordan on the progress made since the second cycle of the UPR regarding the situation of women, such as the abolition of Penal Code article 308.

Ireland would encourage further progress on the legal status of women and children, and strongly urges Jordan to end the guardianship by men over adult women, in accordance with Article 15 of CEDAW. Ireland also believes that exceptional conditions which permit child marriage should be eliminated in domestic law, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Ireland recommends that Jordan amend the Personal Status Law to remove conditions that allow child marriage, and to eliminate the recognition of legal guardians of adult women.

Ireland welcomes Jordan's review of the framework for judicial proceedings to ensure the right to a fair trial. However, Ireland notes the ongoing practice of administrative detention in Jordan, which may be used for extended periods without trial. Ireland recommends that the use of administrative detention be limited, respecting the human rights of prisoners as specified in article 9 of the ICCPR.

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