

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 31st Session

Universal Periodic Review of Jordan

Statement by Australia

Australia thanks Jordan for its national report, and commends its commitment to improving its institutional human rights culture. We also commend Jordan for its generosity in hosting a large refugee population, and Jordan's latest efforts to open formal employment opportunities for Syrians.

Australia welcomes the creation of a shelter for women at risk of honour crimes, as a significant step in addressing domestic violence in Jordan. **Australia recommends Jordan fully implement all measures to prevent any and all violence against women and girls, and to bring the perpetrators of such violence to justice.**

Australia encourages Jordan to continue its efforts towards the greater empowerment of women. **Australia recommends Jordan remove all remaining discriminatory provisions in its national legislation to ensure consistency with the provisions of the CEDAW.**

Australia is concerned by the increasing number of individuals held under administrative detention orders **and recommends Jordan repeal the Crime Prevention Law (Law No.7 of 1954).**

Australia recommends Jordan establish a moratorium on the death penalty as a step toward its complete abolition, and accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

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