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Speech by Government General Coordinator for Human Rights

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah,

Today, the world celebrates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and on this occasion, the Government is moving towards improving and taking care of the human rights situation in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to safeguard human dignity and enhance freedoms in accordance with the continuous directives of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein. The Government gives great importance to the protection and promotion of human rights, and builds it on the basis of a great cultural heritage and informed political will under the leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein. The democratic transformation and comprehensive reform aimed at promoting human rights have become a consistent and unshakable approach translated into reality under direct royal supervision to live practices that emphasize the concern to apply the concept of sustainable development, investment in human rights, and the protection and safeguarding of these rights to ensure a decent life for him.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which worked to consolidate respect for rights and freedoms, took many measures to ensure the effective recognition and observance of these rights and freedoms.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights came as an important historic document in the history of human rights drafted by representatives from different legal and cultural backgrounds from all over the world. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as the common standard that all peoples of the world should aim for, and for the first time, it defined the fundamental human rights to be universally protected, and it is translated into 500 languages of the world.

The term human rights refers to the rights to be provided to every human being irrespective of religion, sex, race, color, and other racial classifications. It is the right of all human beings without discrimination and is interdependent, interrelated, and indivisible, as it also enjoys legal protection and international recognition in more than one form; for it is provided for by treaties,
laws, and general principles, and obligations have been set for Governments to ensure that these rights are protected by their realization and to refrain from any violation.

It set out obligations on all governments aimed at protecting and promoting the fundamental freedoms and rights of individuals and groups, in which a wide range of civil, political, cultural, economic and social rights were identified, as well as the most vulnerable groups such as women, children, and persons with disabilities.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Jordan's approach is based on partnership and cooperation between the state authorities, highlighting the role of society, and ensuring the integration of all and not excluding the other is a guarantee for an integrated human rights system, focusing on remote areas and less fortunate areas.

On 15 September 2018, the government launched an e-platform to receive complaints electronically, and there will be a special window for receiving human rights complaints and their follow-up by the Office of the General Coordinator for Human Rights.

The consolidation of communication with the official institutions and coordination of efforts among them led to the establishment of human rights department in many ministries and institutions, in addition to the establishment of specialized committees to follow up the implementation of recommendations issued by the national, regional, and international protection mechanisms, such as the Committee to Follow Up the Implementation of the Recommendations of the Periodic Review Mechanism, The recommendations of the Arab Charter for Human Rights in the Arab League, the recommendations of the National Center for Human Rights, the follow-up of the implementation of the comprehensive national human rights plan with partners and the conduct of permanent dialogues, and a number of circulars were issued to this end.

The results of the recommendations of the Third Universal Periodic Review will also be included in the framework of a national implementation plan to improve the human rights situation in Jordan and align it with the themes of the comprehensive national human rights plan 2016-2025 with the participation of all stakeholders in the Jordanian society within specific performance indicators and time plan according to priorities.
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Based on our belief in the role of women and the importance of women's rights in Jordan, the "Empowerment of Women in the Public Sector" project aimed to increase women's opportunities for leadership positions, build their capacity, equip them with skills and enhance their participation in policy-making and decision-making. 360 female employees, of the middle leadership positions, were trained during 2015 and 2016, the flexible labor law number (22) for the year 2017, based on the Labor Law and the flexible working instructions issued on 16/9/2018 based on the civil service system. The national plan for the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 was issued to women security and peace. The cabinet formed a "ministerial committee to empower women" with the membership of the concerned ministers to support the participation of women in economy, society, and politics. The Government adopted the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan to ensure the Government's commitment to gender mainstreaming within its work. A sectorial committee for equality and gender mainstreaming was established with the aim of developing a framework for the implementation of the goals of sustainable development. The amended Military Retirement Law No. 12 of 2015, which granted working women the same benefits as men when retiring from employment, and the Social Security Law No. 1 of 2014, regarding the equity of working women, made full inheritance of the woman's salary to their eligible children, as is the case with the salary of the man, as (appointment to leadership positions Regulation No. (3) for the year 2013) was also issued to ensure integrity, transparency, justice, and equality in recruitment in leadership positions, which enhances women's occupancy of those jobs.

With the beginning of 2019, we will work with all partners to develop a practical plan of action to follow up the implementation of the National Comprehensive Human Rights Plan, the Universal Periodic Review of Human Rights, the recommendations of the National Center for Human Rights and all national, regional and international commitments.

In addition to conducting periodic review of the national plan's axes in line with national, regional, and international changes and in line with the principles of the state consistent with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in cooperation with partners to benefit from experiences
provided by civil society and international organizations in improving the human rights situation in parallel with the efforts of serious state institutions and in all sectors.

In conclusion, we look forward today to the continuation of a constructive and productive dialogue that will enable us to highlight the achievements of our country in building a state of institutions that adopts a system that separates the authorities, protects human rights, promotes the rule of law, democracy, the principles of justice, equality, and transparency. We also aim to enrich the march of the Kingdom under the leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein.

Peace, mercy and blessings of Allah, be upon you all.

Thank you.