



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Jordan and thanks for the report and its presentation.

We would like to make the following **recommendations**:

- Amend The Personal Status Law to remove all exceptional conditions that allow the authorization of and the practice of child marriage;
- Amend The Personal Status Law to give women and men joint guardianship on their children;

We commend the positive changes made by the Government of Jordan after the UPR2 in the field of women protection such as the abolishment of the Art 308 of the Penal Code, allowing escape punishment by marrying victim; the appointment of first-ever female Supreme Court judge; the review of Art 62 of the Penal Code, allowing women to start medical procedures for their children without man's approval, and opening of the first shelter for women victims of violence in 2018. However, we are concerned that administrative detention of women and girls at risk of domestic violence is increasing.

Child marriages are still quite widespread in Jordan. Child marriage does not only deny girls' right to education but also threatens their right to health and physical integrity and make them more vulnerable to domestic violence.

The Personal Status Law recognizes men as the sole legal guardians of children and adult women. Guardianship affects women's civil rights and dignity. We would like to ask, what steps has the government taken to end men guardianship on adult women?

Thank you.