



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Review of Jordan

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Ireland thanks Jordan for its presentation today.

Ireland welcomes Jordan's efforts to advance human rights domestically and the progress made since the last UPR cycle, particularly the modernisation process, including political reforms.

Ireland regrets that not all forms of gender-based violence are criminalised. Ireland is concerned by the narrowing of civic space, including the surveillance of media and civil society, internet shutdowns and restrictions on freedoms of opinion, association and expression.

Ireland recommends Jordan:

1. Strengthen legislation to combat gender-based violence, including through amending the Criminal Code, to ensure that all perpetrators are held to account.
2. Address the root causes of sexual and gender-based violence through education and awareness-raising measures.
3. Take steps needed to ensure the full protection of the rights to freedom of opinion, expression and association, and to ensure a safe and enabling environment for civil society.

We wish Jordan every success in this UPR cycle. Thank you.