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Excellency,

I wish to inform you that the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, during its 103<sup>rd</sup> session, considered the follow-up report submitted by the Government of Jordan, pursuant to article 9 (1) of the Convention and rule 65 (1) of the Rules of Procedure of the Committee.

The Committee welcomes the submission of the report, in response to its request to receive information within one year on the implementation of the recommendations contained in paragraphs 8 and 14 (d) of the Concluding Observations CERD/C/JOR/CO/18-20 adopted following the consideration of the State party's combined 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> periodic reports, at its 94<sup>th</sup> session, held in November and December 2017.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity provided to continue its dialogue with the State party and would like to draw the State party's attention to the observations mentioned below. The Committee requests that comments and responses on actions taken by the State party on these issues be included in its combined 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> periodic reports, to be submitted in a single document, by 29 June 2021.

### **Paragraph 8 of the Concluding Observations**

While noting the information provided by the State party, the Committee is concerned about continued reports of racial discrimination and racist hate speech towards migrants and refugees in the State party. It is also concerned that discrimination perpetrated by law enforcement officers and government officials is not criminalized or punished. The Committee remains concerned that the lack of a specific domestic legislative prohibition of direct and indirect racial discrimination in the State party may impede the implementation of the Convention. The Committee therefore reiterates its recommendation to the State party to enact such legislation, in line with the Convention, including all prohibited grounds of discrimination as specified in article 1, and that the State party ensures that the existing domestic legislation is also fully in line with the Convention. The Committee considers that the State party's response to this recommendation is unsatisfactory and requests it to provide, in its next periodic report, information on steps taken to implement the recommendation.

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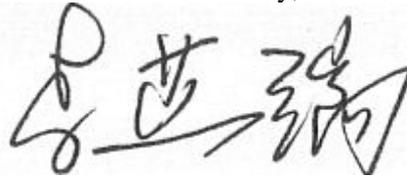
### Paragraph 14 (d) of the Concluding Observations

The Committee notes the information provided by the State party, including its assertion that there is no discrimination against Jordanian citizens, including those of Palestinian origin, in law or in practice. However, noting reports of difficulties that the State party's large population of Jordanians of Palestinian origin continues to experience in relation to participation in political life and decision-making processes, the Committee reiterates its recommendation that the State party enhance the participation of Jordanians of Palestinian origin in political life and decision-making processes, including through the use of special measures, bearing in mind general recommendation No. 32 (2009) on the meaning and scope of special measures in the Convention. The Committee considers that the State party's response to this recommendation is unsatisfactory.

Rest assured, Excellency, that the Committee looks forward to continuing its constructive dialogue with the Government of Jordan, with a view to providing it with assistance in its efforts to ensure the effective implementation of the Convention.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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