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Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

Mr. High Commisioner,

In Jordan we take pride in dealing with refugees as human beings....brethren and never as mere numbers, as a small country we continue to be a model of refuge and protection, especially as we have hosted in particular over 1.3 million of our Syrian brethren for almost 10 years with over 85% of them residing outside of camps within their hosting communities...at some point in time the Zaatari camp was the third biggest city in Jordan! This situation has become exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We continue to provide basic necessary services to those refugees , schools are run on double shifts in order to provide education and accommodate for Syrian students in our national schools, Health Care includes refugees in these times of pandemic, as well as issuance of work permits for Syrians in Jordan despite severe pressure on the Jordanian labour market. All of the above mentioned was done while facing tremendous economic challenges with considerable unemployment rates, immense pressure severely impacting our health, water, education, electricity sectors. Due to this protracted situation our national debt had risen ,and a 71% deficit occurred in this year's Jordan Response Plan where 637.7 million \$ of the originally planned 2.2 billion \$ were funded.

The commitment of our friends and partners in the international community remains invaluable in addressing those challenges.

Mr. Chairperson

Mr High Commisioner

In Jordan we do our utmost in treating every person inside our borders in the same manner.

We value the collaboration between the UNHCR and our Ministry of Health in the essential task of prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and public awareness, as well as its cooperation with our Ministry of Education on making E-learning more accessible for refugee students.

The recent visit of the High Commissioner to Jordan a few weeks ago is a testament to this long standing cooperation and proof that a willing hosting country like Jordan needs to be perceived as a true partner.

We echo the call of the High Commissioner upon the international community to realize the importance for more solidarity and support in the world. Burden and responsibility sharing among countries worldwide remains to be a pillar that has to be reinforced.

It is of concern to learn that UNHCR's dedicated budget in Jordan is witnessing a 51% funding gap (where only \$ 209 million of the originally allocated \$426.7 million). Mobilizing various resources is indispensable in order to adequately fund the required budgeted amounts.

While our JRP which the plan to address the needs of refugees and their hosting communities in Jordan (it aims at sharing Jordan's commitment in building a multiyear holistic framework in a manner that corresponds transparently and sustainably to the GCR and with the outcomes of Brussels conferences the most recent one being Brussels 4) for this year amounts to 2.2 billion \$but only 30% of it has been covered by the international community.

Mr. Chairperson

Mr High Commissioner

Seeking solutions for protracted situations even in times of peril is an enormous task but not an impossible one to realize if there is a collective will towards addressing it.

We express our concern regarding the modest numbers of resettlement figures, and we also encourage voluntary return but the numbers have been below expectations. There is no doubt that more should be done to facilitate the refugees' voluntary return in greater numbers into their countries to help build a better future. But we also need to be reminded that the responsibility towards refugees is that of all of the international community to shoulder including in assisting in creating conducive conditions for the safe return of refugees until the conflict is resolved.

We Salute the efforts of UNHCR and the High Commissioner for their indomitable efforts in times of increased challenges.