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Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, allow me to congratulate you and the bureau members, on your election to the 45th Session of the Commission on Population and Development. I would also like to thank Ambassador Bowler and the members of the Bureau of the 44th session for their efforts.

My delegation aligns itself with the Statements delivered by Algeria on behalf of the G77 and China and the United Arab Emirates on behalf of the Arab Group.

The session of the Commission this year bears particular importance, as it provides an opportunity to influence the development debate, including the upcoming Rio+20 conference and the preparations for the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) of the 2012 substantive session high-level segment in July.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like to share with you some of our national experience in population matters for adolescents and youth. Young people in Jordan represent a very large percentage of Jordan's overall population. Furthermore, they represent the country's greatest asset and hope for the future as they can lead the country to keep up with new developments in global scientific, economic, social sectors and can be fully part to national development.

Nonetheless, more opportunities are still needed for the youth to be able to play their full role in society. It is also vital that youth from all parts of the world participate actively in all relevant levels of decision-making processes.

As there are many challenges that need to be addressed, such as combating poverty and unemployment, linking education to labor market needs and increasing political participation, the government has organized series of meetings and dialogue sessions throughout the kingdom's governorates with the aim of exchanging views with the young people. A national youth strategy and action plan was formulated covering Jordanians between the ages of 12 and 30. In addition, specialized activities aimed at targeting youths' progress, education, unemployment and access to the labor market, health, environment and local participation have been developed. Moreover, the information and communication technologies (ICT) knowledge stations have proved the relevance of modern technologies for re-skilling youth and providing learning opportunities.

Furthermore, the Jordanian legislation provides rules for social, political and economic participation of young people in the society, the Jordanian National Charter and the Jordan's Executive Development Program recognize the pivotal role of youth in Jordanian society and their importance to development.

Mr. Chairman,

In conclusion, my delegation believes that continuing dialogue in this international fora and sharing examples of best practices with other nations are essential to youth development.

I thank you.