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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank Ms. Louise Arbour, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, for her presentation to the Committee. I would also like to thank the Secretariat for the documents before us.

Mr. Chairman,

Jordan warmly welcomes the Summit's decision to establish the Human Rights Council as a manifestation to further advance the agenda of human rights. In this context, it is imperative to take full advantage of the recently gained momentum to ensure that the Council in discharging its mandate and functions will contribute to greater respect for the dignity of human person, deeper understanding among nations, and effective protection of all human rights.

Mr. Chairman,

Jordan stresses, while condemning all forms and manifestations of terrorism irrespective of their motivations and objectives, that counter terrorism-measures, including legislations and laws, must be in accordance with international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law. In this regard, my delegation welcomes the appointment of Mr. Martin Scheinin, the Special Rapporteurs on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism, and his preliminary report (A/60/370) to the General Assembly. In addition, it is also crucial to address the underlying causes of this scourge and the need to raise public awareness to prevent it.

Mr. Chairman,

The progress made in the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities is quite encouraging; it reflects the international community's determination to conclude an effective instrument that ensures the full enjoyment of persons with disabilities of their human rights and fundamental freedoms. To that end, Jordan welcomes the Chair's text as an important contribution.

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation highly appreciates the outstanding work and courage of Mr. John Dugard, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, and would like to thank him for his excellent report (A/60/271) and presentation to the Committee. Again, with much regret and concern, the report demonstrates that the Palestinian people are increasingly affected by Israel's violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in the Occupied Palestinian territories (OPT). Jordan therefore calls on the Israeli government to bring such violations to an end and to fulfill its obligations under international law, including those that have been declared by the International Court of Justice in its the advisory opinion on the wall case. At the same time, and while we welcome the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, we fully agree with Mr. Dugard's view that Gaza still remains subject to Fourth Geneva Convention and Israel has the responsibility to ensure the protection and welfare of Palestinians. We also believe that the withdrawal should be part of the Roadmap and help the parties concerned to reach a just and lasting peace in accordance with relevant United Nations resolutions.