

Ministry of Justice

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Your Excellency Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs, Minister
of State

With reference to the Prime Minister's letter ref. no. (51/12/4/A/31430) dated 11/07/2017, and enclosed a copy of the speaker of the House of Representatives' letter ref. no. (3/15/57/2463) dated 20/06/2017, and enclosed inquiry no (877) dated 18/06/2017 submitted by MP Dima Tahboub.

In this regard, I display that Jordan has not endorse any international agreement, protocol or pact granting rights to those who are called sexual deviants because this violates the provisions of Jordanian constitution and national legislations, where the constitution states in article no. 2 that "Islam is the religion of the State and Arabic is its official language" whereas sexual deviance violates the provisions of Islamic law (Sharia) and the state's general system and decency. Jordan has never acknowledged any agreement of that sort because homosexuality falls out of the values and mores of the Jordanian society which is known for its righteous morals, and that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is an independent and sovereign state that does not submit to any pressure and does not receive any support from any other party for the purpose of recognition of this cluster. And that the ministry of justice – as a part of the Jordanian government and the guardian of justice and rights – is committed to the proper implementation of the provisions of the Constitution and the application of legislation.

Respectfully yours,,,

Minister of Justice
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