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**Statement on behalf of the State of Israel**  
**UN Human Rights Council**  
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**Austria**

Thank you, Mr. President.

We welcome the delegation of Austria and thank them for their report which is the result of extensive consultations between the government at different levels and civil society.

Israel commends Austria for the clarification of the mandate of the Ombudsman Board, the aggravation of the criminal definition of hate speech and the amendment of the Security Police Act which improved the protection of children from domestic violence. Israel also welcomes the adoption of National Action Plans on the Protection of Women against Violence, on Disability and on the Fight against Human Trafficking.

Israel would like to recommend to Austria the following:

- (1) to ensure the establishing of an inclusive education system;
- (2) to replace the substituted decision-making system with a supported decision-making one, for persons with disabilities.
- (3) to take action to narrow the gender pay gap and to ensuring equal opportunities for women on the labor market;
- (4) Israel is concerned with the sharp increase of anti-Semitic incidents in the country and recommend Austria to continue its efforts in addressing the issue.

Israel wishes Austria a successful UPR.

Thank you.