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**Statement by Austria**

Austria warmly welcomes H.E. ... and the delegation of Norway and thanks them for their report.

We recognise the high standards – in law and in practice – that Norway has achieved in the promotion and protection of human rights. We particularly commend Norway for its substantial contributions to the system of international human rights protection and for its unwavering commitment to advance human rights globally and in a constructive manner.

Protecting human rights is an ongoing challenge. In this vein, we are pleased to offer the following recommendations to the Government of Norway:

- to review your reservations to certain articles of the ICCPR and ICESCR with a view to withdrawing them;
- to continue and strengthen efforts in preventing and combating all forms of discrimination faced by persons with a migratory background, in particular in the labour market, the housing sector, and in education and healthcare;
- to take further steps to integrate the best interests of the child at all stages of the asylum and migration process, in line with human rights obligations under the CRC, and to ensure special protection for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children;
- and to implement juvenile justice standards, in particular in regard to pretrial-detention of juveniles and the segregation of juveniles from adult prisoners;

I thank you.