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Mr. President,

Turkey would like to thank the Austrian delegation for their comprehensive presentation.

We appreciate the wide-ranging engagement of Austria with various UN human rights mechanisms. Turkey also welcomes the active cooperation of Austria with civil society and commends its efforts to further develop the functioning of existing national human rights institutions.

The special attention given to the fight against racism, discrimination, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in the national report is accurate. We take note of Austria's efforts to foster tolerance and respect among different parts of the society and to highlight integration as a priority issue.

Thus, Turkey would like to **recommend** the following:

1. Sign and ratify ICRMW.
2. Continue to raise awareness to eradicate existing prejudices and stereotypes against people with migration background and foreigners.
3. Enact adequate legal measures to prohibit incitement to racial hatred and to fight against racism, xenophobia and Islamophobia.
4. Take all necessary steps to ensure that children with migration background have unhindered and equal access to education.
5. Ensure the constitutionality of the new Islam Law and guarantee that its implementation safeguards the full enjoyment of the freedom of religion and belief.
6. Abolish the quota requirement for family reunification.
7. Reintroduce the possibility of dual citizenship.

I thank you, Mr. President.