

23rd Session of the UPR Working Group**Review of Austria****Statement by Armenia**

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Austria headed by H.E. Mr. Brandstetter, the Minister of Justice, and thanks for the comprehensive national report.

We welcome the accession by Austria's to four International Human Rights conventions since first its review. We have noted with satisfaction the adoption of an amendment to the criminal code aggravating criminal liability for the hate speech.

Armenia notes with appreciation Austria's leading role in fighting impunity. We highly appreciate that in April this year a joint declaration was adopted by six parties represented in the Austrian Parliament acknowledging the crimes of the Ottoman Empire against the Armenians as genocide.

We have the following recommendation for Austria:

- 1) To continue its efforts at the international level directed towards to the prevention of massive, gross and systematic violations of human rights and to promote educational programmes and projects to that effect.

We wish Austria success in its second review.