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**Review of Austria**  
**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the Austrian Delegation and thanks it for its presentation here today.

Denmark commends Austria for the progress made in the last decades in closing the gender gap on the labour market.

In line with the recommendations in the OECD Economic Survey 2015 for Austria, Denmark recommends, that Austria further pursues its efforts to establish equal conditions for men and women's participation in the labour market, including by enhancing the availability of affordable full-day childcare centres and introducing legal entitlements for these services.

Further, Denmark welcomes Austria's efforts regarding elimination of discrimination based on sexual orientation following the opening up for registered same sex partnerships in 2010.

In this regard, Denmark recommends, that Austria adjusts regulation so same-sex partners enjoy the same rights as other married couples as recommended in the report of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance, published 13 October 2015.

Thank you, Mr. President!