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**UPR of Austria**

**Statement by the Republic of Poland**

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Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Austria for comprehensive national report and its active participation in the second cycle of the UPR process.

We welcome efforts of Austria undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of UPR.

We appreciate steps taken to withdraw of all Austrian reservations and declarations to the CRC and its implementation. In particular, we welcome the amendments of the Parenting and Naming Act, which entered into force on 1 February 2013 and refers to the "priority for the well-being of the child".

Nevertheless, there is still a space for further improvements to ensure the full respect of human rights in Austria.

While Poland acknowledges the adoption of the Federal Constitutional Law on the Rights of Children in 2011, we would like to recommend that Austria **include all the rights protected under CRC, particularly social and cultural rights, in the Federal Constitutional Law on the Rights of Children.**

We would also recommend that Austria **develop a comprehensive national strategy to prevent and address all forms of violence against children with a view to strengthen measures to encourage child victims to report instances of violence, abuse and neglect.**

We are deeply convinced that such solutions will be crucial for effective protection and promotion of human rights.

Thank you for your attention.