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Statement by AUSTRIA

Austria would like to thank the delegation of Brazil for the presentation of its national report, its constructive participation in the UPR process and its active engagement in the Human Rights Dialogue with the European Union.

Austria commends Brazil for the adoption of a law that defines femicide as a heinous crime and increases penalties to 12-30 years and welcomes the establishment of several Safe Houses for women.

We are concerned by recent violent attacks against members of indigenous communities and encourage the Brazilian authorities to implement the recommendations by the UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of Indigenous Peoples following her visit in March 2016.

We welcome the introduction of custodial hearings in Brazil to speed up the process of detained persons being heard by a judge and would like to ask about efforts to expand such hearings from regional state capitals also to the rest of the country. Austria is concerned by detention conditions in many Brazilian prisons as well as by other serious shortcomings in the area of administration of justice.

Therefore we would like to make the following recommendations:

- ensure respect for and protection of the human rights for all detainees, including by guaranteeing detention conditions in compliance with domestic as well as international law and standards and by protecting against cruel and inhumane treatment.
- follow-up on the infrastructure of safe houses for abused women and make sure the legal framework is widely implemented and reaches women's reality.
- through the national council of justice, establish a mechanism to allow for speedy and correct judicial decisions under strict observance of constitutional and international law regarding the territorial rights of indigenous peoples.

I thank you.