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**Statement by AUSTRIA**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Austria welcomes H.E. ..... and the delegation of Indonesia to the UPR and thanks them for their presentation.

We commend the Government for its efforts and steps taken in the implementation of recommendations received during its last review in 2012, such as the ratification of Optional Protocols I+II to the CRC, the raise of the minimum age of criminal responsibility or initiatives to combat FGM.

Austria remains however concerned about the reports and findings of UN Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures as well as CSOs which highlight various human rights issues in the country, including the resumption of the enactment of the death penalty, undue restrictions to the right to freedom of opinion and expression, growing pressure on the LGBTI community, lack of accountability for human rights violations committed by security forces in Papua and violence against women including domestic violence.

Another area of concern to Austria is the intimidation, harassment and violence against religious minorities, such as Ahmadiyyah and Christians, and against their places of worship.

(Could the Government of Indonesia explain which measures it has taken, with regard to reports about the rise of acts of intolerance and violent attacks against religious and ethnic minorities as well as other vulnerable groups?)

Austria therefore offers the following recommendations:

* Take resolute action against and effectively prosecute acts of violence and incitement of hatred against religious minorities and to implement appropriate, effective measures to prevent intolerance or discrimination on religious grounds;
* Work towards repealing regional or local bylaws discriminating persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity;
* Consider establishing a moratorium on executions with a view to abolish the death penalty.