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**Review of Nigeria**

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**Statement by Austria**

Austria welcomes the delegation of Nigeria and thanks them for their presentation.

We commend the domestication of the 2015 Violence against Persons (Prohibition) Act in almost all states and encourage Nigeria to implement it in all states in a comprehensive manner.

We would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Amend and review all legislation and policies, with a view to addressing discrimination of minorities and vulnerable groups, while taking affirmative actions to promote the protection and personal development of women and children in particular.
2. Continue to work on the abolition of the death penalty, including the ratification of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).
3. Ensure the adequate training and funding of the Police, the Armed Forces and Judiciary in order to end all forms of arbitrary arrests, torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment by state officials.

Thank you. *MAX 55 Sek.*