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**Review of Chile**

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**Statement by Austria**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Austria welcomes the Delegation of Chile and welcomes the progress achieved since the last cycle, in particular the ratification of the Optional Protocol to CEDAW [the recently passed comprehensive law on combatting violence against women as well as laws 21.369 and 21.153 on sexual harassment, the adhesion to the Escazú Agreement and the approval of the 2nd National Human Rights Plan].

We welcome the creation of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Understanding [as a constructive step towards a solution for the historic conflict in the Araucanía Region and the attention given to the human rights violations during the social unrest of 2019].

Austria offers the following recommendations:

1. Continue efforts on constitutional recognition of indigenous peoples and supporting a peaceful resolution of the historical conflict in the Araucanía region, including a follow-up of the work of the Presidential Commission for Peace and Understanding.
2. Continue efforts on police reform, including by ensuring that laws, protocols and training regulating the use of force by state agents are in accordance with Chile’s international human rights obligations.
3. Implement prevention campaigns on violence against women aimed at changing social norms and behaviors that tolerate it.
4. Promote the generation of data on children and adolescents in all areas where information gaps are identified for the monitoring of their rights and protection needs, including on sexual violence, mental health, child welfare and poverty eradication.

Thank you.