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**Statement by Austria**

Thank you, Mr. President,

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

We recognize the persistent difficult context in Yemen and remain highly concerned about the humanitarian situation and the targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Austria would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Investigate allegations of violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law by all parties to the conflict in an impartial and transparent manner, and end impunity.
2. Respect and protect the rights to freedom of expression and religion or belief and as well as other fundamental rights and freedoms, and cease arbitrary arrests and acts of harassment aimed at preventing the free exercise of these rights, including those targeting journalists, human rights defenders and minorities.
3. Continue efforts to strengthen the institutional structures underpinning human rights and to disseminate a culture of human rights.
4. Pursue policies to reduce the gender disparities in education and continue efforts to ensure education and protection of out-of-school, as well as programmes to support the education of girls in rural areas.
5. Criminalize all forms of gender-based violence against women, including sexual harassment, including in the workplace, domestic violence and marital rape, without exception.
6. Abolish the death penalty.

I thank you.