**47th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Costa Rica**

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**Statement by Austria**

Thank you, Mr. President,

Austria welcomes the delegation of Costa Rica to the UPR and thanks them for their presentation.

Austria commends Costa Rica for the efforts undertaken since the last review. At the same time, we notice gaps in some areas and therefore would like to offer the following recommendations:

1. Take measures to ensure the effective implementation of legislation to prevent violence against women, including by developing a strategy against gender-based violence online.
2. Take measures to ensure a safe environment for journalists and media workers to exercise their right to freedom of expression, including by taking measures to prevent and punish defamation of journalists, effectively investigate harassment and attacks against journalists and improve public access to information.
3. Develop a strategy to address inequality in education aimed at increasing funding and improving public education to meet education needs of vulnerable populations, particularly in rural and remote areas.

Thank you.