**48th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Italy**

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**Statement by Austria**

Thank you, Madam/Mr. (Vice-)President,

Austria warmly welcomes the Delegation of Italy and commends the progress achieved since the last cycle, including new legislation and policies to combat violence against women, as well as new measures against the discrimination of women and for promoting gender equality.

We acknowledge the importance Italy attaches to the protection of national minorities and highlight the model character of the status of the German- and Ladin-speaking ethnic groups in the autonomous province of South Tyrol.

Austria offers the following recommendations:

1. Further intensify efforts aimed at eliminating violence against women, inter alia by improving support services for victims of gender-based violence and enhancing measures against the discrimination of women;
2. Take measures to effectively address labour exploitation affecting undocumented persons working for low wages and in precarious conditions;
3. Further intensify efforts to reform the criminal justice system, including by improving conditions of detention;

Thank you.

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