Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Austria and thanks it for the presentation of the National Report. We commend Austria’s persistent efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We **recommend** Austria to address the COVID-19 pandemic-related challenges in its *National Human Rights Action Plan* update.

Lithuania welcomes the adoption of the *Law on Protection against Violence* and **recommends** Austria to adopt comprehensive measures to prevent, combat and punish all forms of gender-based violence against women.

Acknowledging the progress in closing the gender gap on the labour market, we **recommend** Austria to implement concrete measures to reduce the gender pay gap.

Lithuania **recommends** Austria to expand representation of women in political decision-making positions, especially at the level of states and municipalities.

We wish Austria a successful review.