**Statement and Recommendation by Barbados**

**Human Rights Council**

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Mr. Vice-President,

Barbados welcomes the delegation of Austria. We are heartened by its engagement in the UPR process. The updates provided in the National Report, and here today, are also appreciated.

Barbados recommends that Austria:

1. Continue to promote measures in combating racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance.
2. Intensify efforts to protect all children and provide them with better access to childhood services.
3. Pursue policies to strengthen the promotion and protection of the rights of women, notably those who are minorities, immigrants and refugees.

We commend Austria’s commitment and focus on fighting poverty, on maintaining peace and human security, and on environmental protection.

Thank you Mr. Vice-President.