**Human Rights Council**

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**Review of Austria**

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**Intervention by Permanent Representative of Ukraine**

**Ambassador Yurii Klymenko**

**Madam President,**

Ukraine commends the efforts taken by the Government of Austria to further harmonize national legislation with its international commitments and requirements intended to improve the protection of children and women, persons with disabilities, and to increase effectiveness in combating hate speech and intolerance.

We would like to mention a new law, adopted early December 2020, aimed at combatting the hatred and hate speech in social networks.

We would like to commend Austria’s determination to meet the challenges the country faces in the human rights sphere as well as its strong stand on human rights protection both domestically and worldwide, in particular through cooperation with relevant international human rights mechanisms and institutions, including OHCHR.

Ukraine recommends:

- to further increase efforts aimed at protection of asylum seekers and migrants;

**I thank you.**