**37th UPR Session**

**Statement of Iraq during review of Austria**

**22 January 2021**

**Thank you Mr. President.**

Iraq welcomes the delegation of Austria of which we thank for the submission of their report.

We commend Austria’s efforts to establish a national investigation and complaint body for cases of police misconduct.

However, we have concerns that discriminatory attitude and behavior still exist in Austria.

**We recommend**:

1. Ensuring the appointment process of the members of the Austrian Ombudsman Board is in a full accordance with Paris Principles.
2. Strengthen the efforts to combat hate speech, especially against minorities and migrants.
3. Reducing the wages gap between women and men in work.

**Finally, we wish Austria all success in this review.**

**Thanks**

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