**Universal Periodic Review, 37th session**

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**Intervention by Denmark**

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Mme. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation of Austria and thanks it for its presentation today.

We applaud Austria’s commitment to addressing challenges concerning violence against women and encourage the continued pursuit of equal rights and non-discrimination.

*Denmark recommends the Government to harmonize at all levels anti-discrimination legislation to protect all persons regardless of age, religion or belief, sexual orientation and gender identity.*

We find the accountability of police and public authorities to be integral for social trust.

*Denmark recommends the Government to swiftly move forward with plans for the establishment of a strong independent police complaints authority.*

Denmark wishes Austria a successful review.

I thank you.