37th SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP

REVIEW OF AUSTRIA

Statement of Croatia

Thank you Madam President.

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Austria and thanks for the presentation of their report.

We welcome the measures taken by Austria to combat discrimination especially through the adoption of IHRA’s working definition of antisemitism and the new National Strategy against Antisemitism and for the Promotion of Jewish Life.

We have following recommendations:

1. continue to harmonise the national legislation against discrimination in order to ensure protection from all forms of discrimination, including on the basis of age, religion and belief, as well as sexual orientation and gender identity.
2. take further concrete steps to increase accessibility to shelters and support services for the victims of sexual and domestic violence.
3. in line with the CRC recommendation, increase the minimum age for voluntary recruitment to 18 years.
4. ensure financial and other resources for bilingual education of national minorities, in capital and in relevant regions.

We wish Austria a successful review session.

Thank you.