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We welcome the distinguished delegation of Austria and thank for the presentation.

Islamophobia and rising xenophobic public discourse are grave issues which become highly visible, especially during political campaigning.

 Within this context, we **recommend** the Government of Austria to:

1. Refrain from polarizing populist campaigns against migrant communities and take a firm public stance against racist speeches,
2. Adopt codes of conduct for politicians prohibiting the use of racist speeches, and make necessary arrangements for those to adopt approaches for supporting integration rather than isolation and alienation,
3. Increase efforts to eradicate Islamophobia and anti-Muslim incidents and introduce a comprehensive data collection system offering a view of cases of such incidents, including hate speech and hate crime,
4. Avoid unequal treatment or discrimination of certain groups on ideological or religious grounds and ensure the constitutionality of laws,
5. Offer migrant groups more institutional opportunities for political participation, involving them in political processes especially in the field of integration,
6. Increase awareness of cultural diversity, non-discrimination and tolerance in education system, including the teaching of mother tongue for migrant minorities and communities.

I thank you.