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**UPR37 – Austria**

**Statement by Slovakia**

22 January 2021

Mme President,

Slovakia commends Austria for active engagement in promotion and protection of human rights at national level as well as globally (outstanding HRC Presidency in 2020 is the best example). We appreciate excellent cooperation with OHCHR, mandate holders and UN treaty bodies.

We praise Austria for constant review of reservations concerning HR treaties and recommend to speed up efforts to ratify OP CRC on communications procedure.

Slovakia values human rights approach of Austria in addressing consequences of COVID19 also with regard to foreigners and we acknowledge high standard of working conditions equal for foreign nationals.

Slovakia recommends that Austria continues to respect economic, social and cultural rights including social protection without any discrimination.

We wish Austria a successful review.

I thank you, Mme President.