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**Statement by Austria**

We commend the Indonesian Government for its efforts and steps taken in the implementation of recommendations received during its last review, such as through the adoption of the fourth National Action Plan (NAP) for Human Rights as well as legal provisions to better safeguard the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities.

Austria, however, remains concerned about the reports and findings of UN Treaty Bodies and Special Procedures as well as CSOs which highlight various human rights issues in the country, including undue restrictions to the right to freedom of opinion and expression, violence against human rights defenders, mounting pressure on the LGBTIQ+ community, impunity for human rights violations committed by members of the security forces, and violence against women.

Another area of concern to Austria is the increase of regional bylaws discriminating religious minority groups, often targeting women and girls, and intimidation, harassment, and violence against religious minorities, such as Ahmadiyyah and Christians, and against their places of worship.

We offer the following recommendations:

* Take resolute action against and effectively prosecute acts of violence and incitement of hatred against persons belonging to religious minorities and implement effective measures to prevent intolerance or discrimination on grounds of religion or belief;
* Decriminalize defamation by repealing Article 27 section 3 of the Electronic Information and Transactions (EIT) Law;
* Work towards repealing legislation discriminating persons based on their sexual orientation or gender identity;
* Establish a moratorium on the death penalty with the perspective for its abolishment.

I thank you.