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**Statement by AUSTRIA**

We warmly welcome H.E. Ms. Lorena Recabarren and the delegation of Chile and thank them for the presentation and the national report.

Austria highly appreciates the efforts undertaken by the government of Chile to further improve the human rights situation in the country, especially the issuance of an action plan to address the conflict with indigenous peoples.

We also welcome the efforts to strengthen women’s rights and hope that the bills on the right of women to a life free of violence and on street sexual harassment will be adopted soon.

However, we remain concerned about conflictual and violent incidents between police forces and members of the indigenous community and insufficient representation and inclusion of indigenous voices in legal/social/environmental matters that affect them. We would be interested in updated information on investigative measures taken so far to clarify occurred violent incidents and how to prevent such events in the future.

Recent reports reveal a continuing precarious situation of children and young adults in Chile. Austria remains particularly concerned about the situation of children in detention. While we acknowledge your efforts to improve prison conditions regarding juveniles, there remain shortcomings concerning the access to, inclusion in and quality of education provided in detention centers of the Chilean juvenile justice system. Could you please elaborate on how you intend to ensure that all detention centers for juveniles have high-quality access to formal educational establishments as well as the continuity of studies in the common educational system once they have completed their sanctions?

Austria would therefore like to offer the following recommendations:

* Take the necessary investigative measures to clarify the circumstances surrounding cases of unsolved deaths in incidents with members of the indigenous community and guarantee due diligence in the actions of justice operators, as well as the rule of law in all relations between the State and the indigenous community.
* Ensure access to inclusive and quality education provided in detention centers for juveniles as well as the continuity of studies in the common educational system after the completion of sentences.
* Ratify the still outstanding Optional Protocol to CEDAW.