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Statement

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Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the UN Office and other International
Organizations in Geneva**

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Madame President,

Azerbaijan welcomes the Delegation of Austria and thanks them for the presentation of the national report.

Azerbaijan takes positive note of the efforts by Austria in implementing of its recommendations put forward during the previous cycle of UPR. We note the legislative steps taken by Austria to improve the criminal-law response to hate speech. Yet, we share the concern of the Human Rights Committee about the rise of advocacy of racial or religious hatred against Muslims, Jews, minorities and migrants.

In this regard, we recommend Austria to:

1. strengthen its efforts to effectively combat acts or advocacy of racial or religious hatred, including by bringing those responsible to justice;
2. adopt a national action plan against racism;
3. ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

I thank you.