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Subject: Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on standards for equality bodies in the field of equal treatment and equal opportunities between women and men in matters of employment and occupation, and deleting Article 20 of Directive 2006/54/EC and Article 11 of Directive 2010/41/EU  
*- Statement by Austrian delegation*

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Delegations will find attached a statement by the Austrian delegation in relation to the abovementioned proposal.

**STATEMENT BY AUSTRIA**

Austria fully supports the objectives of the proposed Directives to strengthen the protection against discrimination and to improve the support for victims of discrimination.

Austria emphasizes that the proposed Directives set minimum standards for equality bodies.

Austria already has a well-functioning best-practice system in the field of equal treatment and anti-discrimination that has proven its worth for decades. In order to preserve effective and long-established national structures, there should be flexibility in implementing these Directives. Effective institutions and efficient mechanisms shall continue to exist within this new framework.

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