**Additional submission by the Austrian authorities for preparation of a study on the “Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on human rights of young people” following Human Rights Council Resolution 48/12**

**Addendum to point 2 of the questionnaire (subheading: right to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health…)**

Mental health has become an increasingly important issue in our fast-paced society. In order to facilitate access to counselling and support services for women who are under severe mental stress, a folder listing the most important services was created. The folder is published on the website of the Federal Chancellery: <https://www.bundeskanzleramt.gv.at/agenda/frauen-und-gleichstellung/frauengesundheit.html>.

Furthermore, Austria provides funding for a high number of low-threshold counselling for women and girls that include topics like mental health and gender violence. During the pandemic counselling was continually available. In addition, Austria offered funding in amount of € 1.6 million to 13 specialized projects to combat gender violence. An important focus was that different approaches to violence prevention are used. Some examples are educational work, sensitization, digital prevention, a low-threshold access to help and immediate protection.