.

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Self-Assembled *c*-Oriented Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> Films for Enhanced

## **Electrocatalytic Activity towards Urea Oxidation Reaction**

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Fig.S1 High-resolution TEM image of as-prepared Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub> nanosheets.



**Fig.S2** High-resolution TEM image of as-prepared Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-gP.



Fig.S3 XRD of the as-prepared Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-cF on the (a) FTO substrate and

(b) nickel foil.



Fig.S4 XRD of the as-prepared Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-cF with different thicknesses on

the nickel foil.



Fig.S5 XRD of the as-prepared Ni(OH)2-cF with different thicknesses on

the (a) FTO substrate and (b) glassy carbon.



**Fig.S6** The TOF values of Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-cF and Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-gPF at  $\eta$ =260 mV. The TOF values (*Angewandte Chemie, 2020, 132.21: 8149-8154*) were calculated from the following equation:

$$TOF = J * A/4 * F * m$$

where J (A cm<sup>-2</sup>) is the current density at overpotential of 260 mV, A is the geometric surface area of the electrode, F is the faraday constant (96485 C mol<sup>-1</sup>), m is the mole number of Ni atoms in the catalyst.



Fig.S7 Typical CV curves at different scan rates of (a) Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-cF and (b)

Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-gPF.



**Fig.S8** Chronoamperometry curves at 10 mA/cm<sup>2</sup> of Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-cF and Ni(OH)<sub>2</sub>-gPF on the nickel foils.