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Statement by A u s t r i a

Austria welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia to the UPR and thanks Ethiopia for the submission of its national report. We welcome Ethiopia's efforts to address some of the recommendations made by Austria during the first UPR cycle, as for instance regarding violence against women and children.

Austria would like to present following recommendations:

Austria recommends Ethiopia to revise the 2009 Anti-Terrorism proclamation and the 2008 Mass Media Proclamation bringing them in line with international human rights standards.

Austria recommends to ensure that the provisions of the 2009 Charities and Societies Proclamation are in compliance with international human rights standards, including the freedom of expression and assembly.

Austria recommends that national Human Rights Institutions are equipped with the necessary resources and capacities to effectively monitor the human rights situation and to independently investigate, provide appeals and redress for alleged human rights violations in relation to the resettlement of communities through the Commune Development Program.

Austria recommends to improve conditions in detention facilities by training of personnel to investigate and prosecute all alleged cases of torture and to ratify the ~~Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment~~ OPCAT. Furthermore, Austria recommends the application of Art 36 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations in order to ensure that if a detained foreign national so requests, the competent authority shall, without delay, inform his/her consular post.

I thank you.