

Uganda's Statement on the Review of **Austria**

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Mr. President,

Uganda welcomes Austria's continued engagement with the UPR mechanism and commends the government for its cooperative efforts to address the current refugee-migrant crisis in Europe.

We note with concern, the report that hundreds of girls were still being subjected to female genital mutilation in Austria and that perpetrators of this offensive and harmful practice have not been convicted. In Europe this has been long overdue for government intervention and we recommend that Austria expeditiously implements the law prohibiting female genital mutilation and brings perpetrators to justice.

Regarding implementation of Austria's international human rights obligations, we note from the report that Austria's official development assistance (ODA) has decreased from 0.47 per cent of gross national income in 2006 to 0.28 per cent in 2012.

Uganda recommends that Austria takes effective measures to increase its ODA to achieve the internationally agreed target of 0.7 per cent of its gross domestic product as expeditiously as possible.

We wish the Austrian delegation success in the review.

I thank you.