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Thank you Mr. Vice President

Afghanistan would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Austria and appreciates the well-elaborated presentation of its national report. We appreciate Austria's strong commitment in comprehensively respecting human rights both in the national and international level.

Afghanistan highly values the appropriate measures taken by Austria since its first UPR cycle by cooperating with all international and regional human rights protection mechanisms. Moreover Austria's commitment to further strengthen children's rights, respect their wish, prohibit child labour, protect children from all forms of violence are also commendable.

In the view of the above progress already made, Afghanistan wishes to encourage Austria to continue its effort by ensuring that children under the age of 14 years, in particular the refugees and asylum-seekers are not placed in detention centres.

In conclusion Mr. President, Afghanistan would like to offer its best wishes to the Government of Austria in their future endeavors towards the promotion and protection of Human Rights in their country.

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