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Bosnia and Herzegovina warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of Austria and expresses its appreciation for the interesting and informative presentation of the National Report.

We wish to commend Austria as one of the leading democratic countries with well developed and functional legal and institutional systems with highest standards of human rights, that go far back in history to 1867 Basic Law on the Rights of Nationals.

After carefully reading the National Report, we wish to add comments and raise questions of the following issues:

- While acknowledging the efforts undertaken by Austrian authorities in order to receive and accommodate the significant number of migrants seeking refuge and in certain cases asylum, we would appreciate to hear what efforts were taken or are planned to be taken by the Government in order to ensure and improve the full implementation for respect and protection of the rights of refugees and asylum-seekers?
- We welcome the steps taken by Austria concerning the integration of immigrants and their participation in political, cultural and economic life, and still recommend ratification of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

Thank you.