

UPR 23<sup>rd</sup> Session  
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Review of Austria  
Intervention by Greece

Thank you Mr President,

We would like to warmly welcome the Delegation of Austria to the 23<sup>rd</sup> UPR Session and to congratulate it on the progress achieved in the field of human rights, accepting most of the recommendations received during the first cycle. As it is evident from the National Report, we would like to highlight progress in different areas. In particular, we would like to stress the amendment of Austria's penal code so as to conform to the 2011 UPR recommendations with regard to preventing torture. We fully understand the important challenges emanating from the unprecedented refugee crisis since Greece is one of the main entry points.

We would like to submit the following **recommendations** :

- to further promote protection of victims of human trafficking including measures of more effective investigation and prosecution of perpetrators.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish to the Austrian Delegation and our Austrian colleagues all the best for the implementation of the recommendations that they will receive today and their overall efforts to enhance the protection of human rights in their country, which have yield commendable results.

Thank you Mr President