



Statement by H.E. Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Permanent Representative of the Holy See to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva at the United Nations Human Rights Council - 23th Session of the Universal Periodic Review

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Mr. President,

The Holy See welcomes the Delegation of Austria on the occasion of the presentation of its second National Report to the Universal Periodic Review.

My Delegation acknowledges the various efforts made by Austria to better guarantee the effective implementation of Human Rights through the expansion of the Austrian Human Rights Institutions competencies. We are glad to note the creation of a special support system for unaccompanied minors and the adoption of the 4th National Action Plan against Human Trafficking.

My Delegation would like to recommend that Austria:

1. Make every effort to guarantee the right to seek asylum and to provide adequate housing for refugees.
2. Continue its efforts to provide full access to education, labor market and public life for persons with disabilities.
3. Reinforce its policies for the protection of women taking into account the vulnerability of women refugees.

Thank you Mr. President.