

Statement by Hungary on Austria  
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**Mr. President,**

We welcome the delegation of Austria and thank them for the detailed national report and the oral update.

Hungary commends that since its first UPR in January 2011 Austria has ratified important conventions, such as ICCPED (International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance) and OPCAT (Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment) and has withdrawn its reservations to several human rights treaties. We **recommend** Austria to withdraw reservations to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Convention against Torture.

We welcome the establishment of a national preventive mechanism in 2012 as required under the Optional Protocol to CAT (Convention against Torture). The Austrian Ombudsman Board carries out the functions of a national preventive mechanism and it is the national human rights institution. However, based on certain reports the AOB may not be fully independent. In conclusion we **recommend** Austria to ensure that the national human rights institution and the national preventive mechanism comply fully with the Paris Principles.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**