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Delivered by H.E. Victor Moraru, Ambassador, Permanent Representative**

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Mr. President,

Let me welcome the distinguished delegation of Austria to the UPR Working Group and thank the head of the delegation for the presentation of the National Report.

We commend Austria for its exemplary human rights record and for its strong commitment to promote the human rights domestically and internationally.

Furthermore, we welcome the progress on the implementation of recommendations from the first UPR cycle, in particular the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture.

We also recognize the adoption of the Federal Constitutional Act on the Rights of the Child and coordinated policy in the area of human trafficking.

Taking into account the need for a comprehensive framework in the area of human rights, we recommend Austria to *adopt, in close consultation with the Ombudsman Board and civil society, a National Action Plan on Human Rights containing specific implementation targets and measurable indicators.*

In conclusion, we wish Austria success in the implementation of recommendations of the 2nd UPR cycle.

I thank you, Mr. President.