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**Recommendations by Canada for Austria’s UPR**

Thank you, Madam President.

We commend the steps taken by Austria since its last appearance. We hope that Austria will continue in this vein, including in the context of a reformed National Human Rights Framework.

Canada recommends that Austria:

1. Ensure that obligations of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights are fully met in regards to migrants and refugees, in particular, the rights to liberty and personal freedoms and the rights of unaccompanied refugee minors.
2. Reform the Austrian Ombudsman to meet the Paris Principles relating to the Status of National Human Rights Institutions.
3. Establish an independent and effective mechanism to address allegations of misconduct and excess use of force by law enforcement officers.
4. Establish a new National Action Plan to address violence against women and ensure that it is supported with adequate resources.