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Georgia warmly welcomes the Delegation of Austria and thanks the head of the Delegation for the presentation of the national report.

We laud the Government of Austria for the close cooperation with all international and regional human rights protection mechanisms and monitoring bodies.

Georgia recognizes determination of Austria as regard periodic reporting obligations vis-à-vis human rights protection mechanisms.

Georgia commends Austria for work towards improving human rights protection and the human rights situation within the framework of development cooperation and welcomes Austria’s commitment to a gradual increase of its budget for public development cooperation.

With this in mind, Georgia recommends to the Government of Austria:

* To continue steps leading to the full compliance of the Austrian Ombudsman Board with the Paris Principles;
* To reinvigorate efforts aimed at the finalization and subsequent implementation of the National Action plan for Human Rights.

We wish Austria a successful UPR.