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 Review of the United Republic of Tanzania**

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**Statement by Austria**

Austria welcomes the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania and thanks for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Tanzania for the work towards implementing a number of recommendations that were accepted during the last UPR; especially the efforts to improve prison conditions and extend the number of juvenile courts in the country.

We also recognize the efforts to ensure freedom of expression.

Austria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. *Take further measures to ensure freedom of expression and protect journalists and the media from harassment, assault, arbitrary arrest or detention and enforced disappearances.*
2. *Enhance the protection of girls and women of all ages from the practice of FGM and set the minimum age of marriage to 18 years for both girls and boys by concluding the amendment of the Marriage Act.*
3. *Ensure that pregnant girls and young mothers can attend school and take measures against the practice of invasive pregnancy tests without prior consent.*
4. *Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment.*