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**Review of Argentina**

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**Statement by Austria**

Austria welcomes the delegation of Argentina and thanks them for their presentation.

We acknowledge Argentina’s active engagement in international human rights fora, including the Human Rights Council.

We commend the government of Argentina for taking a number of positive steps since the last review in 2017. Nevertheless, we note a gap in some areas between a progressive legal framework and implementation in practice.

Austria would like to offer the following recommendations:

* Continue efforts to improve detention conditions with the aim of reducing overcrowding in line with international standards, including prohibiting the use of police stations for long-term detention.
* Continue efforts to reduce prolonged pre-trial detention by seeking alternatives to detention in all possible cases and ensuring speedier trials.
* Provide specialized training for obstetricians who perform abortions to enable them to provide appropriate information, psychological support and dignified treatment for women seeking abortions.
* Appoint a national Ombudsperson as soon as possible.

Thank you.