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Statement by AUSTRIA

Austria warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States of America [and thanks them for their presentation and the national report].

While we commend the increased number of US states that have abolished the death penalty we regret that executions at the federal level have resumed.

We commend efforts made towards eliminating racial discrimination and the use of excessive force in policing.

[We regret the sanctions against the International Criminal Court (ICC), which is an integral part of the international rules-based order.]

Following up on the second UPR, Austria would like to make these recommendations:

1. Continue efforts towards abolishing the death penalty and halting executions.
2. Continue efforts to combat racial discrimination in the criminal justice system and prevent excessive use of force by law enforcement officials especially by adopting appropriate federal legislation.
3. Reverse policies inhibiting comprehensive and universal access to voluntary sexual and reproductive health services, especially in emergency situations, and end related restrictions on foreign assistance.
4. Withdraw all measures against the ICC.