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Mr. President,

Amnesty International welcomes Austria's engagement in the UPR process and its full or partial acceptance of 216 out of 278 recommendations, including regarding the development of a national human rights action plan<sup>1</sup>, the strengthening of the independence, resources and effectiveness of the independent mechanism on investigating allegations of ill-treatment by law enforcement<sup>2</sup>, the strengthening efforts to ending and preventing violence against women and girls<sup>3</sup>, the implementation of a legal guardianship for unaccompanied refugee children<sup>4</sup>, or the implementation of programmes to eradicate poverty, including by having in place a comprehensive social protection system<sup>5</sup>.

The implementation of these recommendations is critical for improving the human rights situation in the country. However, as Amnesty International has highlighted in its submission for this UPR cycle, these human rights issues have been persisting over the last years. Therefore, we urge Austria to take concrete and measurable actions to implement all accepted recommendations and to report back on progress through a mid-term report, developed in full consultation with civil society.

Mr. President,

Violence against women and girls continuous to prevail in Austria, with 14 reported cases of femicides since beginning of 2026.<sup>6</sup> Therefore, Amnesty International regrets that the Austrian government rejected a recommendation to adopt a consent-based law which would have contributed to strengthening the legal protection of survivors of sexual violence.<sup>7</sup>

The Austrian government did not support recommendations to decriminalise abortion care service and to integrate it in the public health care system.<sup>8</sup> The organization believes that this will solidify existing stigmatization experienced by pregnant persons as well as performing healthcare professionals.

Regrettably, by rejected several recommendations to adopt a national action plan against racism, the Austrian government decided to miss a crucial opportunity to improve and strengthen the national human rights framework.

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<sup>1</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendations 50.18 (Mexico) – 50.22 (Sweden)

<sup>2</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendation 50.77 (Albania)

<sup>3</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendations 50.190 (Mauritius) – 50.205 (Lebanon)

<sup>4</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendation 50.211 (Uruguay)

<sup>5</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendation 50.137 (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.aodef.at/index.php/zahlen-und-daten/femizide-in-oesterreich>

<sup>7</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendation 50.187 (Norway)

<sup>8</sup> Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review – Austria, UN Doc A/HRC/62/12, 21 April 2026, recommendation 50.184 (Iceland)

We urge the government of Austria to reconsider its position and to implement these recommendations without delay.  
Thank you.