



**Statement of Ireland**  
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Review of Austria

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Ireland warmly welcomes the Austrian delegation and thanks them for their presentation.

Ireland commends Austria's progress on human rights domestically since the last UPR cycle, including the full implementation of marriage equality, consistent with previous recommendations.

Ireland shares the concerns of civil society and the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance that Austria's federal and state level anti-discrimination legislation remains fragmented, resulting in avoidable protection gaps.

Ireland makes the following recommendations to the Austrian authorities:

1. Consolidate and strengthen existing anti-discrimination legislation to provide comprehensive equal protection, particularly in access to goods and services, on all prohibited grounds of discrimination.
2. Reform preventive detention measures for offenders with mental illness by developing review mechanisms consistent with international practice, based on defined psychiatric assessment standards.

Thank you.