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The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General and, with reference to the high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels on 24 September 2012, has the honour to submit attached to this note verbale Austria's pledge registration form.

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General the assurances of its highest consideration. *A*

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High-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels

Pledge registration form

International law and the rule of law are the foundations of the international system. Austria strongly believes that a rules-based international system with clear and predictable rules, which equally apply to all Member States, is an essential precondition for lasting peace, security, economic development and social progress.

Therefore, in addition to the joint pledges of the European Union and its Member States, Austria hereby pledges the following:

1. *Annually*: Voluntary financial contribution for projects of the Rule of Law Unit in the UN Secretariat.
2. *By the end of 2012 and by 2014 (joint pledge together with other like-minded States on targeted sanctions)*: Submission of suggestions to the UN Security Council on ways to strengthen the UN sanctions system by further improving fair and clear procedures, especially with regard to enhancing the scope and mandate of the Ombudsperson procedure.
3. *By the end of 2012*: Incorporation of the specific international crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, as well as the crimes of torture and enforced disappearance, into the Austrian Criminal Code (submission of the government bill to the Austrian parliament).
4. *In 2013*: Ratification of the “Kampala amendments” to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court regarding the crime of aggression and the war crimes pursuant to Article 8 of the Statute.
5. *Annually*: Voluntary financial contribution to international criminal courts and tribunals or residual mechanisms, including the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.
6. *Annually (joint pledge together with Switzerland and others)*: Contribution to efforts made at the national, regional and international levels to promote truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence and in particular to lend their support to the work of the Special Rapporteur created by the Human Rights Council to deal with these questions.

7. *By the end of 2012*: Elaboration and start of pilot course of the first interdisciplinary Training Course on Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (PoC) for international experts and decision-makers of the armed forces, the police, nongovernmental/civilian organisations, and the political/civilian administration involved in crisis management or peace support operations in order to promote the implementation of Security Council resolution 1894 (2009).
8. *Within the next 6 months*: Ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (OPCAT).
9. *By the end of 2013*: Ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (CAHVIO).
10. *By the end of 2013*: Compilation and international dissemination of Austrian best practices concerning the protection of domestic workers employed by persons enjoying privileges and immunities.
11. *By 2013*: Development of best practices for the fight against corruption in the framework of the „EACT – European Anti-Corruption Training“-initiative.
12. *Annually*: Voluntary financial contribution to the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), for its programmes for anti-corruption education and professional training as well as technical assistance.
13. *Annually*: Voluntary financial contribution to the UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women.
14. *In 2013*: Cooperation with the UN Secretariat on the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna.
15. *Annually*: Continued implementation of existing National Actions Plans (NAPs) in the field of human rights, including women’s rights, integration, human trafficking, rights of persons with disabilities, and consideration of the development of a general National Action Plan on Human Rights to complement existing NAPs.
16. *By the end of 2014*: Support for the development of national action plans of partner countries on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security.
17. *By 2013*: Use of gender responsive budgeting practices when developing national budgets, including for justice and security sectors.
18. *Annually*: Continued financial contributions by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) to selected projects and programmes with partner countries to support the rule of law, including e.g. for the promotion of justice and the rule of law in Uganda, supporting governance and the judiciary in Bhutan and ensuring effective law enforcement responses to violence against women and children in the SADC Region.

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19. *Within the next three years:* Continuation of scholarships for students from developing countries for the study programmes of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, as well as the holding of Executive Training Programmes/Special Courses at the Diplomatic Academy for junior diplomats and other civil servants from developing countries, which include rule of law issues.

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