

## Pledge submitted by the Austrian Ombudsman Board to the Human Rights 75 Secretariat December 2023

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Location: Austria

**PLEDGE NUMBER 1:** The Austrian Ombudsman Board follows GANHRI recommendations as well as the Paris Principles and wants to reach out to the civil society communities. It pledges to further develop a sounding board with a wide range of NGO representatives and to meet at least 4 times a year to exchange thoughts, wishes, concerns, good practices or co-operations regarding human rights issues. In addition, the Austrian Ombudsman Board pledges to organize a NGO-Forum once a year to bring together civil society organisations, concerned individuals, experts and discuss a chosen human rights topic.

**Expected deadline within which pledge will be realised:** Dec 31, 2024