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● **Austria and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

As the Austrian NGO-platforms for development and humanitarian aid, we would like to sincerely thank you for coming to Vienna and for meeting political stakeholders to address important global issues. In particular, we highly appreciate your efforts raising awareness of the importance of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. As civil society organisations we are convinced that coordinated actions by all stakeholders are required in order to fully implement the agenda. Nevertheless, we expect states to take the lead and provide the necessary structures and coordination mechanisms as well as to align all of their decisions even more with the goals of the 2030 Agenda.

In this regard, we hope you will be able to inspire Austrian leaders during your visit to “take the bold and transformative steps which are urgently needed to shift the world on to a sustainable and resilient path” – as they committed when they agreed on the 2030 Agenda. We hope you will have plenty of opportunities to further convince Austrian political leaders to make the 2030 Agenda a priority, to publically commit to the SDGs and to start working on an ambitious implementation plan as soon as possible.

We wish you many fruitful discussions and a pleasant stay in Vienna.

Sincerely yours,

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