Information and Observations by Austria
1. National Legislation
According to Section 64 of the Austrian Penal Code, Austrian courts have jurisdiction
concerning certain crimes (e.g. extortive abduction, slave trade, trafficking in human beings,
organized crime, drugs-related crime, air piracy, terrorism-related acts, rape, sexual
coercion and torture) committed outside Austria regardless of locally applicable law. In
cases where no other Austrian interests are affected, Austrian courts are competent if the

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combination with 75 and 278c (1) (1) of the Austrian Penal Code. The accused was
sentenced to two years of imprisonment.
b) Judgment of the Regional Court Wels, 19 December 2022, AZ 15 Hv 75/22f
The two perpetrators were Syrian nationals and accused of having committed crimes in
Syria and Turkey, which were punishable as terrorism-related acts under Sections 278a
and 278 (3) of the Austrian Penal Code. The two accused were acquitted due to lack of
sufficient evidence beyond reasonable doubt.