

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 31st Session

Universal Periodic Review of Chad

Statement by Australia

Australia welcomes Chad's legislative measures to ensure equality between men and women. **Australia recommends Chad increase its efforts to enforce its legislative prohibitions against child marriage and female genital mutilation.**

While noting Chad has not carried out an execution since 2015, Australia remains concerned by Chad's retention of the death penalty. **Australia recommends Chad reinstate a formal moratorium on the death penalty as a step towards complete abolition.**

We welcome Chad's recent adoption of legislation to enable reform and strengthening of the National Human Rights Commission. **Australia recommends Chad, based on recently adopted legislation, reform its National Human Rights Commission with a view to strengthening its independence and efficacy, in line with the Paris Principles.**

Australia recognises the security challenges which confront Chad and the significant role its armed forces have played in promoting stability and security in the Sahel region. Nonetheless we remain concerned by reports that the security forces continue to use child labour, and have carried out torture and arbitrary killings. **Australia recommends Chad implement practical measures to immediately halt the use of child labour. Australia also recommends Chad investigate and prosecute alleged human rights abuses by the security forces, including torture and arbitrary killings, with a view to ensuring full accountability.**

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