

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 33rd Session

Universal Periodic Review of Brunei Darussalam

Statement by Australia

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Thank you Mr Vice President

Australia welcomes the delegation of Brunei Darussalam, led by the honourable Minister.

Australia commends Brunei on the high standard of living it provides for its people, including education and healthcare, but we are concerned by continuing limitations on fundamental freedoms and the existence of corporal and capital punishments under both of Brunei's legal systems.

Australia recommends that **Brunei**:

1. Implement an official moratorium on the death penalty.
2. Implement the Syariah Penal Code Order in a manner consistent with international human rights standards.
3. Decriminalise all sexual activity between consenting adults.
4. Reform laws and policies limiting freedoms of expression and association, such as the Sedition Act.
5. Cease the practice of female genital mutilation, locally referred to as female circumcision.
6. Ratify the UNCAT and accede to the ICCPR, ICESCR and Rome Statue to the ICC.

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