**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 33rd Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia**

**Statement by Australia**

**14 May 2019**

Thank you [President/Vice President]

Australia commends Ethiopia on steps taken to widen the political space and improve gender equity.

However, challenges remain

Australia recommends that **Ethiopia**:

1. **Ensures civil and political rights, particularly freedom of association and freedom of expression, are upheld, including ending the practice of internet shutdowns.**
2. **Establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty, as a step towards complete abolition.**
3. **Take measures to reduce the societal stigma faced by LGBTI persons, including repealing provisions in national law that criminalize consensual same sex relations.**
4. **Ensure the treatment of internally displaced persons in accordance with the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement 1998.**

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