

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 33rd Session

Universal Periodic Review of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Statement by Australia

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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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