

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 34th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Iraq

Statement by Australia

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Thank you Madam Vice President

Australia recognises Iraq's contributions and sacrifices in the territorial defeat of Da'esh, and commends its subsequent achievements.

Australia remains concerned about human rights violations in Iraq, and recommends that Iraq:

1. Establishes a formal moratorium on the death penalty, as a step towards its complete abolition.
2. Passes and implements legislation which prohibits all forms of gender-based violence.
3. Ensures all reports of human rights violations and abuses, including those against women and girls, ethnic and religious minorities and on the basis of sexual orientation, are fully investigated and prosecuted.
4. Continues to address discrimination against persons with disabilities, including by ensuring equal access to education and employment.
5. Guarantees the rights to freedom of expression, association and assembly in law and practice.