

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 34th Session

Universal Periodic Review of the Italian Republic

Statement by Australia

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Thank you [President/Vice President].

Australia commends measures taken by Italy to improve gender equality, including Act 120/2011, which requires increased representation of women on company boards. We welcome also Italy's increased funding for anti-trafficking projects, and the adoption of its first National Action Plan against Trafficking and Serious Exploitation of Human Beings.

Australia recommends that **Italy**:

1. Takes further measures to address the gender wage gap, noting the prevalence of women in part-time and low-paid jobs.
2. Enhances practical implementation of the National Action Plan on Trafficking and takes effective action to ensure that victims of trafficking are treated in accordance with human rights.
3. Establishes an independent national human rights institution compliant with the Paris Principles, and strengthens the capacity of the National Office of Racial Discrimination.

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