

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 35th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Grenada

Statement by Australia

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Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia acknowledges Grenada's human rights challenges and welcomes its active engagement in the UPR process and reforms to strengthen its human rights framework.

Australia recognises Grenada's informal moratorium on the death penalty has been in place for decades, but Grenada still maintains the death penalty in national legislation.

Australia recommends that **Grenada**:

1. Establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty with a view to ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the ICCPR.
2. Repeal all provisions of law criminalising sexual activity between consenting adults, including those of the same sex, and take legislative and other measures to protect victims of violence based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. Put in place measures to ensure its domestic security policies and law enforcement officials respect human rights and hold perpetrators accountable for violations, especially in regard to overcrowding and human rights violations by security forces in prisons and detention centres.

[155 Words]