

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 35th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Guyana

Statement by Australia

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Thank you, [President/Vice President]

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

Australia recommends that Guyana:

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 survivors of violence based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.
3. Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.
4. Make the necessary legislative amendments to implement its 2008 National Domestic Violence Policy.
5. Allocate adequate resources for programs ensuring the full enjoyment of the rights of women, children, LGBTI persons and indigenous peoples.

[153 Words]