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Clustered Interactive Dialogue with SR on summary executions/
SR on freedom of expression
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Australian Statement

Australia thanks the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions for her report on armed non-State actors.

Protection of the right to life is a core human rights priority for Australia. Australia strongly condemns violations of this right in all circumstances.

Australia condemns all unlawful violence by armed non-state actors, which interferes with the enjoyment of human rights.

In Australia's view, the existing international humanitarian law framework is the appropriate means by which to address the problem of armed non-State actors in armed conflict.

Australia also thanks the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression for his report and focus on online content.

Australia believes that human rights, including the right to freedom of expression, should be protected equally online as they are offline.

Australia has developed a carefully balanced regulatory system to ensure that Australians' freedom of expression and opinion are respected, while also regulating the darker elements of the internet.

We would welcome the Special Rapporteur's views on how States can better cooperate to support internet freedom.

Thank you.

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