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**Statement at Action**

**Australian Statement**

**Burundi**

We thank the core group for their work on this resolution. We welcome the return to one resolution on Burundi under Item 4 at this session.

We are gravely concerned at the findings of the Commission of Inquiry that serious human rights violations continue to be committed in Burundi with a climate of impunity. Australia supports the call for the extension of the mandate of the Commission of Inquiry very much, as requested in this resolution.

We encourage the Government of Burundi to engage with this Commission of Inquiry on Burundi and with this resolution, particularly as it is a member of the Human Rights Council.

We ask the Government of Burundi to fully resume its engagement and cooperation with human rights bodies to enhance the protection and promotion of human rights for all.

Australia commends resolution L.15 and fully support it.

*Delivered by Head of Mission, Sally Mansfield*