

Human Rights Council – 40th Session

Resolution: Effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights

Statement at action: Explanation of Vote

21 March 2019

Australian Statement

In line with our long-held position on this resolution, Australia does not believe that the Human Rights Council is the correct forum to discuss foreign debt. Australia continues to believe that it is important for the Human Rights Council to maintain a focused approach in fulfilling its mandate to promote and protect human rights. This resolution falls outside the mandate of the Council and duplicates other international discussions on the issue. For this reason, Australia will vote no.