

Human Rights Council – 41st Session

Resolution: Contribution of development

12 July 2019

Australian Statement: Explanation of Vote

Australia was pleased to engage in the negotiations on resolution L.17/Rev.1 as orally revised.

Australia engaged in good faith, and appreciates the main sponsor's efforts to find consensus through open and bilateral negotiations.

While we were committed to finding common ground on this text, unfortunately we were unable to find an appropriate balance of language that addressed our concerns.

We remain concerned by the resolution's framing of the relationship between development and human rights, including the suggestion that development is a necessary precondition for the enjoyment of human rights.

Democracy, development and the respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

It is Australia's view that, while development can facilitate the enjoyment of human rights, a lack of development should not be invoked to justify the abridgement of internationally recognised human rights.

It is for these reasons that Australia will vote no on L.17/Rev.1 as orally revised.

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