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General Comment at Action

HRC43 Resolution on promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Africans and of people of African descent against police brutality and other violations of human rights

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Australia supports all efforts to address and eliminate racial discrimination in all its forms, wherever it occurs. We were pleased to support the call for this Urgent Debate and support the Council addressing the deplorable violence, brutality and racial discrimination against Africans and people of African descent around the world.

We welcome the African Group's leadership in presenting this initiative and are committed to working with our partners on this Council to address these issues.

The tragic death of George Floyd has rightly forced us all to reflect on the challenges we face, and the need to do more to eradicate racism.

Australia welcomes the resolution's acknowledgement that this problem does not belong to any one country. It is a problem around the world. In preparing her report, we encourage the High Commissioner to ensure she gives the issue the broadest possible focus.

Australia strongly supports the action proposed by this resolution to address racism and violence against Africans and People of African descent and will join consensus.