

Human Rights Council – 43rd session

Item 4: Interactive dialogue with Special Rapporteur on Iran

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Australian Statement

Australia remains deeply concerned by the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, and notes the Special Rapporteur's latest report.

Australia encourages ongoing engagement with Iran on human rights issues, including through our bilateral human rights dialogue and in multilateral fora.

Australia is concerned about reports of deaths of protesters and ill-treatment of detained persons during recent protests.

Australia calls on Iran to uphold international standards of procedural guarantees to ensure fair trials and due process, and for proper accountability of security entities, including during times of protests. We encourage Iran to safeguard freedom of expression and ensure journalists and activists do not face intimidation.

Australia urges Iran to eliminate discrimination on gender, ethnic and religious grounds. We urge Iran to impose a moratorium on the death penalty and to release political prisoners.

Australia continues to encourage Iran to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. We continue to urge Iran to engage more fully with UN human rights mechanisms.

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