

Human Rights Council – 43rd session

Explanation of Vote at Action Draft resolution A/HRC/43/L.36

Australia has been consistent in its principled opposition to biased and one-sided resolutions targeting Israel in multilateral forums. We have reiterated this position before this Council every year of our membership.

Our position has not changed.

It is our firm view that the Human Rights Council's disproportionate focus on Israel – through an unmatched five single country, targeted resolutions every year – damages its credibility. These resolutions do nothing to contribute to lasting peace and stability for Israelis and Palestinians.

We recognise efforts towards incremental reform of Item 7 by running this resolution under Item 2 and not under the discriminatory Item 7. We note also that some improvements have been made to this text.

However, we regret that this resolution remains unbalanced and one-sided. Despite the improvements in the text, it still fails to meaningfully apply its call for accountability and justice to violations and abuses of human rights by all parties, including Hamas.

For these reasons, Australia will call a vote on this resolution and vote against its adoption.