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# **Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions**

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**Australian Statement**

Australia thanks the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions for her work over the past four years.

Protection of the right to life is a core human rights priority for Australia.  Australia strongly condemns violations of this right.  Sadly, ongoing extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions in many places around the world demonstrate the need for continuing this mandate.

In Australia’s view, the existing international humanitarian law framework effectively governs the use of force during armed conflict. Application of, and compliance, with this framework, in times of armed conflict, must be a priority.