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UNGA Third Committee Item 74: Promotion of human rights instruments: Report of the Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Statement delivered on Monday 22 October 2018

Australia commends the Committee on its outstanding work in promoting and securing the rights of persons with disabilities.

We acknowledge the contribution of outgoing Committee members and welcome those new members who will commence their term in January 2019, including Australia's Rosemary Kayess.

Australia remains firmly committed to fully implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

This is a priority for Australia, not only domestically, but also for our international engagement on human rights, development assistance and humanitarian action.

Australia's National Disability Strategy and National Disability Insurance Scheme are spearheading reforms to create an inclusive Australian society.

Ensuring Australians with disability have fair and equal access to the full range of services and support in education, employment, transport and infrastructure are key objectives of our reform agenda.

We acknowledge and support the vital role of our Human Rights Commission and civil society in this effort.

Australia's second and third periodic report under the Convention describes our efforts to ensure persons with disabilities in Australia are able to enjoy, on an equal basis with others, all human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Convention.

We look forward to the Committee's consideration of Australia's report, and its observations on Australia's approach to promoting and securing the rights of persons with disabilities.

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