

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 34th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Fiji

Statement by Australia

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Thank you [President/Vice President]

Australia commends Fiji's ratification of key international human rights instruments. We also welcome measures taken by Fiji with a view to addressing previous recommendations, including the appointment of a Chairperson to the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission.

Gender-based violence is a challenge that many countries, including Australia and Fiji share, and one that Australia is committed to working with Fiji to address.

Australia recommends that Fiji:

1. Continues working with all stakeholders, including the International Labour Organisation, to progress issues raised in the Joint Implementation Report.
2. Continues its efforts to address violence against women and children, including measures to prevent violence and support survivors.
3. Takes all necessary steps to ensure the reaccreditation of the Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission under the Paris Principles.