

Human Rights Council – 38th Session

Intervention

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*Australian Statement on US Withdrawal*

Australia is disappointed by the US decision to resign from the UN Human Rights Council. We continue to value US leadership in multilateral fora.

Notwithstanding its flaws, we continue to consider the HRC is an important forum for maintaining the international rules-based order.

Australia shares many of the US's concerns about the HRC.

Australia is committed to progress effective and meaningful reform to enable the HRC to carry out its role, and will continue to pursue reform through our HRC term.

We reiterate Australia's commitment to a strong multilateral human rights system and to advancing human right globally.

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