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General Comment at Action

HRC42 Resolution on the Situation of human rights in Burundi

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We thank the core group for their work on this Resolution L.10 Rev.1.

Australia is gravely concerned by the Commission of Inquiry's reports of continued and serious human rights violations in Burundi, including sexual and gender-based violence, and the Burundian Government's lack of cooperation with the Commission and other independent international mechanisms.

Australia is also concerned by the practice of widespread impunity in relation to human rights violations, including those committed by the Imbonerakure and government security forces.

In light of these circumstances, Australia stresses the importance of the Commission of Inquiry and the need to renew its mandate.

We encourage the Government of Burundi to engage with this Commission of Inquiry and with this resolution, particularly given the importance of ensuring free and fair elections next year in Burundi.

Australia strongly urges all members to fully support Resolution L.10 Rev.1.