

Human Rights Council – 43rd session

Interactive dialogue on the High Commissioner's report on Libya
18 June 2020

Australian Statement

Australia thanks the High Commissioner for the Report.

We appreciate the work of UNSMIL with Government institutions and civil society in Libya, particularly regarding the protection of civilians, including women, children and migrants.

We are concerned at indiscriminate air strikes and other attacks causing civilian casualties and deplore the summary executions and arbitrary detention being carried out by armed groups. We are particularly concerned by the disproportionate impact the conflict is having on women and girls, including documented cases of sexual violence, torture and intimidation.

We support the establishment of an international fact finding commission to investigate alleged violations and abuses and to help ensure that perpetrators are held accountable.

Australia considers that resolution of the conflict is best achieved through a Libyan-led and UN-mediated peace process. We call on all parties to agree to a permanent ceasefire and to immediately implement UNSC Resolution 2510.

We ask the High Commissioner what steps should be taken to ensure women's meaningful participation in peace negotiations?

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