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Universal Periodic Review of San Marino

Statement by Australia

Australia commends San Marino on its exemplary human rights record. Sanmarinese citizens enjoy a strong human rights framework which values the integrity of the person, affords a high degree of political participation and enforces civil liberties.

As noted by San Marino in its response to the recommendations received at the 2010 Universal Periodic Review, the Declaration on Citizens' Rights and Fundamental Principles of San Marino Constitutional Order includes all grounds for discrimination.

However, Australia is concerned that same-sex couples still encounter discrimination in a number of basic rights, including residency and inheritance. **Australia recommends that San Marino introduce appropriate administrative or legislative reforms to ensure equal protections for same-sex couples, including on matters of residency and inheritance.**

Australia commends San Marino for efforts to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, particularly in employment, education, health care and other state services. In order to further integrate persons with disabilities into society, **Australia recommends that San Marino take steps to improve access to buildings for people with a disability.**