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Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 22nd Session Universal Periodic Review of Libya Statement by Australia

The Government of Australia commends the efforts of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya towards achieving a political solution to the current crisis as well as protecting and promoting the human rights of Libya's people. **Australia recommends all sides of Libya's conflict immediately cease armed hostilities and engage constructively in the UNSMIL-led political dialogue, and use this opportunity to build a State based on democracy and respect for human rights and rule of law.**

Australia remains deeply concerned about the deterioration of human rights in Libya. We note that all parties to the conflict have been accused of human rights violations, including extrajudicial killings and assassinations, arbitrary detention, kidnapping, and threats against political representatives, journalists, human rights activists and civil society representatives. **Australia recommends that the Libyan authorities hold accountable, in accordance with international standards, all parties responsible for violations of international human rights and humanitarian law and abuses of human rights, and that human rights guarantees are included in the new Constitution.**

Australia recommends Libya meet its obligations to cooperate with the International Criminal Court pursuant to UNSCR 1970, and surrender Saif al Islam Gaddafi to face charges against humanity in accordance with the Court's Appeals Chamber decision of May 2014.

Finally, Australia recommends Libya establish a moratorium on the death penalty.

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