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Statement by the DPRK Delegation on the 2nd Cycle of UPR of Australia

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Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Australia to the UPR.

We take note of the explanatory statement by the delegation on the efforts and successes made in protection and promotion of human rights in the country.

However, we are still seriously concerned at continued maltreatment of and violence against the refugees and asylum-seekers and violation of human rights of the indigenous people in Australia.

In this regard, my delegation recommends Australia

- 1) to take practical measures to cease the maltreatment of and violence against the refugees, including sexual violence by the officials in detention centers and,
- 2) to put an end to racism and racial discrimination, in particular, against the indigenous people, including demolition of buildings and discontinuation of funding to essential and municipal services in indigenous communities pursued by the both federal and local governments, as well as enforced sterilization and adoption of indigenous women and children.

Thank you.