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Statement
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Mr. President,

The Lao delegation welcomes the distinguished delegation of Australia and thanks them for their presentation of National Report on human rights in the country.

My delegation highly appreciates Australia's strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights in the country, including the measures taken to implement the accepted recommendations during the last UPR cycle.

We commend Australia's efforts to promote the right of indigenous people by committed to hold a referendum to recognize indigenous Australians in the constitution.

We welcome the progress made by the Government of Australia in promoting freedom of media and freedom of expression, improving gender equality and person with disabilities.

My delegation would like to make the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Continue to implement the necessary measures to ensure indigenous children access to quality of education.
2. Continue promote gender equality and increase representation of women in public services.

We wish Australia a very success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.