

23rd Session of the UPR Working Group

Review of Australia

Statement by Rwanda delivered by Moses Rugema

Thank you Mr. President.

- Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Australia and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.
- We note with concern the continued operations at sea against refugees and asylum seekers and their detention and alleged ill treatment.
- While we recognise progress in relation to equality and non-discrimination in Australia, we remain concerned at the continued disparities in access to services for aboriginal and other indigenous communities and continued discrimination and racism.

Rwanda has the following recommendations:

- **Ensure that conditions of detention are line with international norms and standards in particular the detention of migrants and asylum seekers.**
- **Ensure that Australia leaves up to its international obligations regarding asylum seekers and refugees.**
- **Ensure that Aboriginal and other indigenous communities are accorded equal access to services including to judicial remedies for discrimination and racism.**

We wish Australia every success in the implementation of the recommendations accepted at this UPR.

I thank you