



23rd Session of the Working Group for UPR  
Interactive Dialogue on Report of **Australia**

Mr. President,

Serbia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Australia and thanks them for their cooperation with UPR mechanisms.

Australia has a sound record of international cooperation in the protection of human rights that should be complemented by ratification of OP-CAT and establishment of the National Preventive Mechanism. We recommend the Government of Australia **to initiate the accession procedure to this important international mechanism.**

We commend Australia for its efforts to eliminate discrimination against marginalized groups. However, in order to close the protection gaps and to effectively combat intersectional discrimination, we recommend Australia **to enact comprehensive equality legislation that will provide effective remedies and address discrimination on all grounds.**

We encourage Australia to continue its efforts for the promotion of gender equality in the workplace and increasing women's economic empowerment. In this regard, **we recommend Australia to address the wage gender gaps and to improve the status of women in the labour market.**

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