

**Universal Periodic Review 23rd Session**

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**Statement on behalf of Fiji for the review of Australia, delivered by Mr. Ajendra Pratap, First Secretary**

Thank you Mr. /Ms. (Vice-) President,

We would like to welcome the delegation of Australia and thank them for the presentation of Australia’s national report for the 2nd Cycle of the UPR.

Fiji notes with concern that Australia’s commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will not be sufficient to meet Australia’s fair responsibility in restricting global warming to no more than 2 degree above pre-industrial levels, and certainly not to 1.5 degrees called for by AOSIS. The results will be catastrophic to the enjoyment of human rights in frontline island states, and indeed in vulnerable areas in Australia such as Torres Strait island communities.

**Therefore, Fiji recommends that Australia revise its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution to be in line with a fair approach taken by other industrialised countries, so as to be consistent with the full enjoyment of human right by its people and those in neighbouring countries.**

Fiji also notes with concern that the Australian Government breaches human rights by having implemented a third-country processing regime under which claims of all asylum seekers arriving by boat in Australia without authorisation are processed outside Australian territory.

**Therefore, Fiji recommends that Australia reviews its immigrations laws and policies and ensure compliance with its international obligations, especially regarding the rights of children.**

I thank you.