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#### Statement made by the United Arab Emirates in the interactive dialogue with AUSTRALIA

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**Mr. President,**

We would like to express our appreciation to the delegation of Australia for its presentation. We recognize the many measures Australia has taken to promote and protect human rights. In particular, we praise its commitment to multiculturalism and improving the situation of indigenous Australians, as well as work on combating trafficking in persons.

We note reports that different groups faced discrimination and racism in the community, particularly associated with Islamophobia.

We also note reports about discrimination against indigenous people, including that access and support for indigenous women, including funding and resources, continued to be a major obstacle to training and educational opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

The UAE recommends that Australia:

1. Implement public awareness campaigns to promote tolerance and respect for cultural diversity and to counter prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination, racism, and Islamophobia; and
2. Ensure access to good-quality education, including postgraduate education and vocational training, for indigenous women.

**Thank you Mr. President.**