



UK Mission to the
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Thank you Mr President,

The UK thanks the Australian Government for its national report.

The UK recommends that Australia:

1. Extend the mandate of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights to include the domestic consideration, follow up and oversight of implementation of recommendations and views on UN human rights mechanisms.
2. Adopt national uniform legislation prohibiting, except where there is a serious threat to life or health, the sterilisation of children and of adults with disability, in the absence of prior, fully informed and free consent.

We welcome the appointment of Australia's first Minister of Indigenous Heritage and encourage the Government to work with Indigenous communities to get children to school, adults into work, and build safe communities through their Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

While we welcome Australia's commitment to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights. We hope to see them begin a consultative process toward adoption of a National Action Plan.

We welcome the commitment by the Australian Government to adopt the recommendations in the Moss Review on the Regional Processing *Centre in Nauru*.

Thank you Mr President.