

Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 24th Session

Universal Periodic Review of Singapore

Statement by Australia

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Australia welcomes the delegation from Singapore and appreciates its constructive engagement in the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process.


Australia commends Singapore on its progress since the last UPR in 2011, including on economic, social and cultural rights.

Australia welcomes Singapore's signing and ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2012, and the signing of the International Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in 2015. **Australia recommends Singapore ratify the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination at the earliest opportunity.**

Australia welcomes Singapore's passing of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Act 2012 and the Penal Code (Amendment) Act 2012, which allow judges greater discretion to avoid imposing the death penalty in certain drug trafficking cases.

Australia recommends Singapore establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty, with a view to ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Australia recommends Singapore ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography.



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