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Universal Periodic Review of Papua New Guinea

Statement by Australia

Australia welcomes the actions taken on human rights by Papua New Guinea since its last UPR appearance. Australia encourages the Government of Papua New Guinea to build on that progress to make further improvements for the people of Papua New Guinea.

Australia commends Papua New Guinea on the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and the implementation of its national Disability Policy.

We encourage Papua New Guinea to address concerns about juvenile detention in prisons, prioritise maternal health and basic education.

Australia welcomes Papua New Guinea's efforts to address gender-based violence and progress on critical legislation to improve women's lives. **Australia recommends Papua New Guinea implement the Family Protection Act and finalise the Family and Sexual Violence Strategy without delay.**

Australia acknowledges Papua New Guinea's endorsement of the Sorcery and Witchcraft Accusation National Action Plan. **Australia recommends Papua New Guinea implement the Sorcery and Witchcraft Accusation National Action Plan without delay.**

Australia recommends Papua New Guinea take action to progress its commitment to establish a National Human Rights Institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

Australia recommends that Papua New Guinea 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.