**UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review – 45th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Chad**

**30 January 2024**

**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia welcomes Chad’s abolition of the death penalty and ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities since its last review.

Australia recognises Chad’s role in regional stability while also expressing deep concern at reports of human rights violations by Chadian authorities.

Australia recommends **Chad**:

1. **Investigate allegations of human rights violations by security forces, including excessive use of force, arbitrary arrests and detentions, and hold perpetrators to account.**
2. **Repeal laws that discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.**
3. **Enforce legislative prohibitions and increase efforts to prevent violence against women and girls, including spousal rape, female genital mutilation, and child, early and forced marriage.**

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