**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 45th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Mexico**

**24 January 2024**

**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia commends Mexico for introducing legislation to address enforced disappearances and establishing an independent federal Attorney-General’s Office since its last review. Australia also acknowledges Mexico’s efforts on gender equality and LGBTQIA+ rights.

Australia remains concerned by the high number of femicides and enforced disappearances in Mexico, and the under-resourcing of institutions designed to address these issues.

Australia recommends **Mexico:**

1. **Implement the recommendations of the diagnosis of Mexico’s Federal Protection Mechanism by OHCHR, and ensure the Mechanism is adequately resourced.**
2. **Increase the budgets of the Specialised Prosecutor’s Offices for Gender-Based Crimes, and update and standardise protocols for the investigation of cases of violence against women.**

[110 words]