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

**Universal Periodic Review of Nigeria**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President]

Australia acknowledges Nigeria has not carried out the death sentence since 2016, although we are concerned that courts continue to sentence people to death for a range of offences.

Australia is also concerned by reports of human rights violations by security and law enforcement agencies, persistently high gender inequality, and reports of violence against people based on their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Australia recommends **Nigeria**:

1. **Establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty as a step toward formal abolition.**
2. **Repeal legislative provisions targeting people based on their sexual orientation or gender identity.**
3. **Investigate allegations of violations of international human rights law and international humanitarian law by security forces and hold perpetrators to account.**

**[120 words]**