**UN Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review – 47th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Dominica**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President].

Australia welcomes the progress made by Dominica since its last review, including the decision by Dominica’s High Court to decriminalise same-sex relations.

Australia recommends **Dominica:**

1. **Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to formalise its de facto moratorium on the death penalty with a view to abolition.**
2. **Establish a national human rights institution in compliance with the Paris Principles.**
3. **Enact legislation to directly incorporate the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women into local law.**

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