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**Universal Periodic Review of Norway**

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**Statement by Australia**

Thank you, [President/Vice President].

Australia welcomes Norway’s sixth action plan against domestic violence, directed toward combating gender-based violence and violence against children and strengthening the investigative capacity of police and prosecutors. Australia notes steps to advance the rights of Indigenous Peoples since 2019.

Australia recommends **Norway**:

1. **Adopt a legal definition of rape in the Penal Code that places the absence of consent at its centre.**
2. **Advance the economic, social and cultural rights of the Sámi people, including in relation to land, language and education.**
3. **Address multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination against at-risk groups, including women and girls, Indigenous Peoples, ethnic minorities and people with disability.**

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