**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 28th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Argentina**

**Statement by Australia**

Australia commends Argentina’s efforts to implement recommendations of its second Universal Periodic Review. This includes work undertaken to protect freedom of expression, and we are encouraged by the establishment of protocols to protect journalists.

We applaud Argentina for taking steps to address domestic violence, including the *2017-19 National Action Plan for Prevention, Assistance and Eradication of Violence Against Women*. **Australia recommends Argentina make further efforts to advance gender parity and protect the rights and freedoms of women and girls, including considering ways to address economic discrimination.**

Australia acknowledges Argentina’s efforts to strengthen its human rights institutions and associated mechanisms. **Australia recommends Argentina continue its efforts to reform its human rights institutions in line with the Paris Principles.**

We welcome the introduction of a bill on the protection of stateless persons in Argentina, noting that it is currently under consideration and not yet binding. **Australia recommends Argentina accelerate its efforts to enact legislation on the protection of stateless persons.**