Statement by the Republic of Lithuania

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Thank you, President.

Lithuania welcomes the delegation of Australia and thanks for the presentation of its National Report.

We commend Australia for consistently solidifying its exemplary human rights record over the past years, for cooperating with civil society and for ratifying the *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment* (OP-CAT).

Lithuania **recommends** Australia to enact laws that raise the minimum age of

criminal responsibility to 14 years.

In addition, Lithuania **recommends** to bring elements of the child justice system specified by the Committee on the Rights of the Child into line with the *Convention on the Rights of the Child*.

We wish Australia a successful review.