**UGANDA DELEGATION STATEMENT AT THE UPR OF AUSTRALIA, GENEVA, JANUARY 2021**

**Thank You President,**

Uganda welcomes the delegation of Australia and thanks them for their national report.

We commend the government for the establishing the Closing of the Gap framework to reduce disparity in economic and social outcomes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians however we note that challenges still remain in this regard. We urge the government to maintain its focus on implementing this framework. We note the challenge of tailoring National Action Plans to the diverse populations comprising Australia.

Uganda makes the following recommendations:

1. Continue the good practice of consulting with Indigenous Peoples during policy formulation, in order to further protect their rights and build an inclusive society.
2. Ensure implementation of a human rights approach in the offshore processing of migrants and asylum seekers.

We wish Australia a successful review.

I thank you.