**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 29th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Luxembourg**

**Statement by Australia**

Australia acknowledges Luxembourg’s overall strong record on human rights and welcomes steps Luxembourg has taken to improve human rights protections, including its commitment to gender equality and LGBTI rights.

Australia welcomes Luxembourg’s increased law-enforcement procedures to counter human trafficking. **We recommend Luxembourg continue to strengthen its preventative anti-trafficking efforts, particularly for newly arrived women and children in migrant communities.**

Australia commends Luxembourg for legalising same-sex marriage. **We recommend Luxembourg continue to progress legal protections for LGBTI persons by adopting the May 2017 *Draft law on the modification of sex and names, and amendment of the Civil Code*, and increasing publicly available information on rights for intersex persons.**

Australia acknowledges Luxembourg’s efforts to support gender equality and notes Luxembourg has one of the lowest gender pay gaps in the European Union. **Australia recommends Luxembourg continue to progress the implementation of its *National Action Plan on Equality*.** Australia encourages the ratification of the *Council of Europe’s Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence.*