**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 30th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Canada**

**Statement by Australia**

Australia commends Canada for its commitment to human rights at home and abroad, including through gender, minority and indigenous rights measures in the 2018 federal budget and Canada’s feminist international assistance policy.

Australia applauds Canada’s formal apology to, and reparations for, historical discrimination against Canada’s LGBTIQ community and commends Canada for its prospective Recognition and Implementation of Indigenous Rights Framework. **Australia** **recommends Canada implement all of the “calls to action” from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission**.

Australia welcomed Canada’s commitment to accede to the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture (OPCAT) and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). **Australia recommends Canada expedite its accession to the OPCAT and the ATT.**

Australia commends Canada for taking action on ending gender-based violence (GBV) with its Federal Strategy on GBV, but notes it lacks provincial coverage. **Australia recommends Canada convert the Federal Strategy on gender-based violence into a National Action Plan.**

Australia notes that inadequate disaggregated data is hampering the National Enquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Girls. **Australia** **recommends Canada ensure relevant authorities record the Aboriginality of victims of gender-based violence**.

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