**Universal Periodic Review Working Group – 36th Session**

**Universal Periodic Review of Andorra**

**Statement by Australia**

**5 November 2020**

Thank you, [President/Vice President].

Australia commends Andorra on its strong commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights. Australia welcomes the creation of Andorra’s National Commission for the Prevention of Gender-based and Domestic Violence (CONPVGD) in 2015. Australia commends Andorra’s ratification of the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education in March 2018.

Australia recommends that **Andorra**:

1. **Continue its efforts to prevent sexual, gender-based and domestic violence as well as protecting and supporting victims through the CONPVGD.**
2. **Strengthen legislative protection for children by increasing the minimum age of marriage to 18.**
3. **Continue to implement policies and legislation to narrow and close the gender pay gap.**
4. **Sign and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture.**