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Australian Statement

Thank you [President/Vice President].

Iran and Afghanistan display contempt for human rights through the persecution of women and girls, detention of activists and oppression of minorities.

We have seen no progress since the Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights determined in 2014 that the **DPRK** committed systematic and widespread human rights violations, amounting to crimes against humanity.

We remain concerned about reports of increasing human rights violations in **Myanmar**, including airstrikes targeting political activists.

Israel's illegal settlements severely impact the human rights of Palestinians and undermine prospects for a two-state solution.

The catastrophic humanitarian situation in **Gaza** is unacceptable – we again call on all parties to comply with international law.

Australia remains deeply concerned by ongoing violence against innocent civilians in **Syria**. We urge all parties to prioritise dialogue and to protect all Syrians.

We remain gravely concerned by ongoing human rights violations against **Uyghurs and Tibetans**. Consistent with international law and norms, governments should not interfere in the selection of religious leaders – including the Dalai Lama.

We remain deeply concerned by the consequences of the **National Security Law in Hong Kong** on rights and freedoms, including to target democracy advocates extraterritorially.

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