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Subject: Update on Australia's 21st and 22nd Combined Report on CERD [SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Hi s 47F,

I am reaching out to introduce myself and my colleague s 47F (cc'd). We are the PoCs coordinating the Government's combined 21st and 22nd report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Our colleagues at AGD mentioned that AHRC's stakeholders had been enquiring about the status of the report. Please find below an update which can be shared with these stakeholders.

Australia's 21st and 22nd Periodic report for CERD – January 2024

- The Australian Government is currently preparing its combined 21st and 22nd report to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) under the *International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*.
 - DFAT is coordinating the report on behalf of the Government.
- States parties are required to submit periodic reports on measures taken to give effect to their obligations under Convention. Reports are subject of an appearance following submission.
 - Australia last appeared in front of the CERD in November 2017.
- Australia considers all recommendations made by treaty bodies and responds to those recommendations in good faith through the reporting process and interim follow-up procedures.
- The 21st and 22nd periodic report was originally due in October 2020, covering November 2017 to June 2020 but submission was delayed following the change of Government
 - the CERD Secretariat agreed to extend the reporting period from November 2017 to December 2023.
- The Government is currently drafting the report, aiming for submission in the second half of 2024.
 - The content of the report will include updates on Australia's anti-discrimination law, multicultural policy, anti-racism measures, social inclusion policies, measures to reduce racial discrimination, First Nations policies, migrant, refugee and asylum seeker policy, and other issues relevant to culturally and linguistically diverse communities.
 - State and Territory governments have been requested to provide input.
- the Australian Human Rights Commission and civil society organisations will be consulted on the draft submission in due course.

Please feel free to reach out to myself or s 47F if you have any questions about the report.

Best,

s 47F

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Good afternoon s 47F ,

Many thanks for reviewing the CERD Report and providing updates/comments on behalf of AHRC.

We will review this week and I will be in touch if we have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Hello s 47F and s 47F ,

Please find attached the AHRC's requested updates/comments on the draft Australia's 21st and 22nd CERD Periodic Report.

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I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this unceded land, the Gadigal peoples of the Eora Nation, and pay my respects to their Elders, past and present.

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Hi s 47F,

Many thanks for the call earlier and for sharing the CERD report with us. I'll pass this on to our colleagues and they will be in touch.

Thanks for your advice on the phone about flexibility on the deadline.

Kind regards,

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hours of work.



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Gadigal peoples of the Eora Nation, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and future.

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Good afternoon s 47F [redacted],

Thanks for your time on the phone just now. As discussed, DFAT is preparing **Australia's combined 21st and 22nd periodic report** to the **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** (CERD) under the *International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*.

The attached version of the report includes input from all Commonwealth, state and territory governments, which has been streamlined and cut back by our team to adhere to the strict word limit (21,200 words, 60 pages).

Action required

We would now welcome AHRC's review of the draft report. When reviewing, we would be grateful if you could please:

- Address any specific comments, highlighted pink.
- Review the entire draft report and provide supplementary input where necessary (keeping in mind the strict word count)
- Return all input as **tracked changes (and highlight your changes)**, or **advise if no changes**. Comment boxes are welcome to explain the rationale for the changes (for background information for DFAT).

Deadline

Please provide any comments by **COB 3 June 2024**. If you foresee any issues with meeting the response deadline— please let us know ASAP.

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Indicative timeline:

Date	Action
May 2024	0. DFAT incorporates input into draft report. 1. DFAT circulates draft report to state and territory and Commonwealth agencies (for redline edits)
June- July 2024	2. DFAT incorporates redline input into draft report. 3. DFAT shares early report with relevant Ministers offices. 4. DFAT circulates draft for CSO engagement. 5. DFAT provides report to CSO Eols for formal review.
Aug 2024	0. DFAT shares final report with agencies for red lines.
Sept 2024	1. DFAT seeks Ministerial approval.
Oct 2024	2. DFAT submits final report to CERD Secretariat by 30 October 2023 .

Online resources:

- [Australia’s previous report to CERD \(2016\) - Australia’s Combined 18th, 19th and 20th Report](#)
- [Concluding Observations of CERD following Australia’s appearance in 2017](#)
- [Australia’s submission of our Common Core Document from 2023](#)

Kind regards,

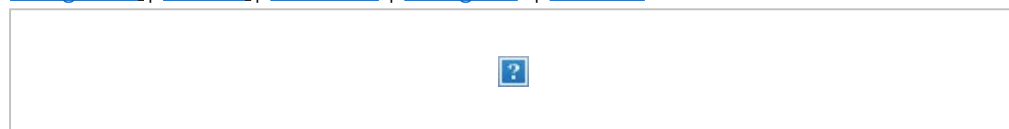
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