

This side event is organised at the occasion of the adoption of the 2nd cycle UPR Australia Recommendations

Panelists:

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THE PLIGHT OF CHILDREN AND WOMEN SEEKING ASYLUM IN AUSTRALIA

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17:00 - 18:30

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Australia's practice of mandatory and indefinitely detaining asylum seekers, including women and children, amounts to a very serious violation of Australia's international obligations. Australia is the only country in the world to detain children arriving in its territory via maritime vessels and without visa, as a first option. Australia denies these asylum seekers the right to challenge the legality of their detention and subjects them to inhumane conditions of deprivation of liberty.