



Not only must we ensure these rights and protections, but we must address the reality that women and children are also bearing the brunt of increasingly

Women and children are receiving barbaric treatment at the hands of ISIL, who are systematically targeting women and children with rape and other

Mr President,

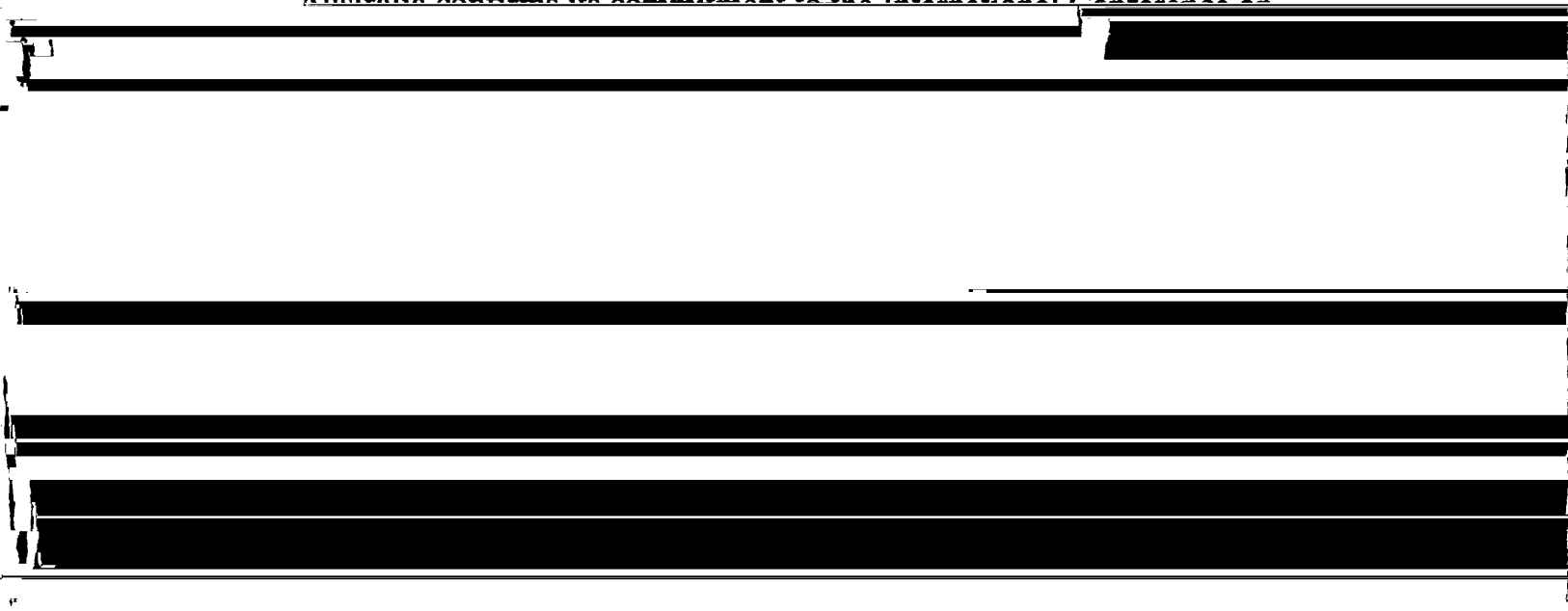
Australia commits to protect and promote the rights of women and girls in all settings, including humanitarian and conflict situations. Women and children make up the vast majority<sup>4</sup> of internally displaced and refugee populations. The loss of their homes, communities and social safety nets renders these women and children extraordinarily vulnerable. We will not let

conflict or disasters become an excuse to weaken our resolve to empower and protect these women and children.

In this spirit, Australia is providing a further \$2 million to the United Nations Population Fund to continue its work to protect women and girls in Iraq. We must not forget that women and children in perilous circumstances still have rights, and that those rights need to be protected.

Mr President,

Australia confirms its commitment to the International Conference on



continue to progress the ICDP agenda, and that we can be even more ambitious in our aspirations under the Programme of Action.

Mr President,

Australia's commitment to women's economic empowerment and leadership and to protecting women from violence - priority for women

Australia, and internationally, through our diplomacy and our aid.

Australia has set a benchmark for our aid program committing that at least 80 per cent of all of development activities must have a gender equality