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Dear Ms. Vamvakinou MP.
Chair.

I wish to submit that Australia is one of the most pleasant countries in which to live in the world. PEOPLE ARE DEMONSTRATING THIS BY FLOCKING HERE IN GREAT NUMBERS. We need to remember our cultural background, as was quoted by two NGO people working in Haiti in the "Australian" of 10.2.10 when they quoted Etounga-Manguelle's observation "Culture is the mother, institutions are the children".

Manguelle is an African man living in the USA who writes in French. The institutions of a country are the building blocks of that country's social and political conditions.

Our culture is basically Christian, our institutions are built on the Christian world-view. I believe that migrants should be encouraged to respect this reality. We have many different groups here. Many of them have come here as a result of extreme diversity in their own countries. We need to be wary that this does not create extreme diversity here. We need to make it clear to migrants that we welcome them to be Australians, they can treasure their culture but they need to accept and respect our culture and its foundations.

Yours sincerely,