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**Senator BERNARDI** (South Australia) (15:41): I, and on behalf of Senators Fawcett, O'Sullivan, Xenophon, Madigan and Seselja, move:

That the Senate—

- (a) supports freedom of religion as a universal human right;
- (b) does not support the imprisonment or persecution of individuals on the basis of their religious belief;
- (c) calls on the Sudanese authorities to release Mariam Yahya Ibrahim who was sentenced to 100 lashes and death because she was convicted of converting to Christianity and marrying a Christian man;
- (d) recognises:
  - (i) that this action is a breach of Sudan's international obligations, and
  - (ii) also that this case is currently subject to an appeal to Sudan's Court of Appeal and looks forward to due process being applied; and
- (e) stands in solidarity with Mariam Yahya Ibrahim, her family and all people who seek to practise their religion free from persecution.

Question agreed to.