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## AUSTRALIA MAKES GENDER EQUALITY KEY TO FOREIGN POLICY AND AID

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*Gender equality will become central to Australia's foreign policy, diplomacy, trade and aid programmers under a new international strategy, Foreign Minister Penny Wong said on Wednesday (Feb 5) in Canberra.*

Gender equality is a "stronger predictor of peace than a nation's wealth or political system", Wong said in a speech at a UN Women event at parliament house.

Australia's new International Gender Equality Strategy aims to protect women's sexual and reproductive health rights and increase the security and financial inclusion of women.

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