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Statement by Armenia

Thank you Mr President

Armenia warmly welcomes the delegation of Malta and thanks them for the national report. We appreciate significant legislative and administrative changes undertaken by the government of Malta since the last UPR to further improve human rights conditions in the country.

Particularly, we welcome the ratification of numerous international human rights instruments, such as UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol, UN Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, UN Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a communications procedure, as well as other important documents.

Armenia also values various projects being implemented by specialised National Commissions, Commissioners and Authorities aimed to protect vulnerable groups and guarantee the protection of their rights.

Armenia welcomes the efforts of Malta in the field of non-discrimination and equality, especially by promoting equality on the basis of sexual orientation, age, religion, gender and race in employment, financial institutions and education.

Armenia would like to recommend Malta:

1. to continue its efforts towards promoting equal opportunities between men and women, especially in regards to labour rights;
2. to consider ratifying the convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

I thank you, Mr President