



STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Malta
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia warmly welcomes the delegation of Malta, led by His Excellency Mrs. Helena Dalli to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group, and thanks them for their presentation of its national report.

2. My delegation appreciates the consultative approach adopted by Malta in the drafting of its UPR report. Malaysia also note positively the progress made by Malta in the promotion and protection of human rights of its people since its first UPR. In particular, we commend Malta for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in October 2012 which signifies the country's commitment towards the promotion and protection of the rights of people with disabilities.

3. We also note that various efforts have been made by Malta in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child and women, among others. A draft National Children Policy, which was published in November 2011, bears testament to the Government of Malta's commitment to further promote the well-being, rights and obligations and protection of children.

4. To complement the progress made by Malta thus far, we hope that the Government would continue its positive approach in addressing some of the challenges in ensuring the enjoyment of human rights of its people.

5. Therefore, in the spirit of cooperative engagement, my delegation would like to make the following **two** recommendations:

- i) one: to step-up its measures in addressing violence against women, including ensuring protection for the victims of the violence; and
- ii) two: to continue its steps to further promote and protect the rights of the child, including addressing child abuse and sexual exploitation of children.

I thank you.

GENEVA
30 October 2013