

Mr. President,

Trinidad and Tobago welcomes the Delegation of Malta and thanks them for their informative report.

My delegation notes with satisfaction that Malta has taken key steps since its last UPR, to strengthen its efforts to promote and protect human rights. Among the initiatives taken to further safeguard the implementation of particular human rights over the past 4 years are:

- The appointment of a Minister responsible for civil liberties;
- The introduction of new legislation to address various human rights elements, such as the protection of minors and the rights of persons with disabilities;
- The establishment of specialised National Commissions, Commissioners and Authorities, with mandates to protect vulnerable groups;
- The launching by the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) of the "Equality Mark"- certification in 2010, that is awarded to entities working to promote gender equality; and
- The introduction of their Draft National Children's Policy, that seeks to enhance the protection of the rights of children.

Mr. President, my delegation, while wishing the very best to Malta for its review, recommends the following measures:

1. Noting the challenge presented to Malta's resources by irregular migration, the Government of Malta nonetheless should continue enhancing efforts to ensure that human rights of migrants are protected;
2. The Government of Malta should work toward enhancing the capacity of the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality (NCPE) to follow-up and monitor responses in all cases of racial violence and discrimination.

Mr. President, I thank you.

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