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Thank you, Mr. President.

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of New Zealand to this UPR session. We welcome New Zealand’s continued efforts to implement its international human rights obligations, as well as its engagement with the Human Rights Council. New Zealand’s solid record of ratification of international conventions and instruments provides a robust framework guaranteeing the application of human rights.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Accede to the Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
2. Strengthen mechanisms to detect, report and prevent all forms of abuse on older persons in all settings.
3. Consider introducing legislation to ban non-urgent and non-essential medical or surgical treatment on intersex children until they are able to provide informed consent.

We wish New Zealand a positive review.