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Thank you, Mr. President.

Malta welcomes the delegation of Yemen to this UPR session. The human rights situation in Yemen remains one of great concern. Yemeni people are suffering severe limitations on their rights and personal freedoms because of the protracted conflict in the country. We take note that Yemen has not signed or ratified any of the Optional Protocols to the human rights Conventions.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Sign and ratify the Convention on for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
2. Sign and ratify the various Optional Protocols within the human rights treaty bodies system.
3. Take decisive steps to eliminate harmful practices against women and girls and underlying cultural justifications through raising awareness among the general public, parents, religious and community leaders.
4. Implement in full the action plan signed with the Government in 2014 and the 2018 road map for its implementation and continue to participate in activities such as training of its forces on the six grave violations against children.
5. Adopt as a matter of priority a handover protocol on the release of detained children, including during military operations and treat them primarily as victims.

Thank you, Mr. President.