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Statement by H.E. Christopher Grima, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malta to the UN, Geneva

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Norway. Malta commends Norway’s strong ratification record of international covenants and optional protocols thereto. We welcome Norway’s ratification of the Convention on Enforced Disappearances in 2019. We commend Norway for its engagement with the Human Rights Council and the Treaty Bodies. We note the ongoing process of revising and implementing the Child Act, and the requirement that changes must comply with the CRC and the European Convention on Human Rights. We also commend Norway for enacting legislation banning co-called conversion therapy on LGBTI persons in January 2024.

Malta recommends the following:

1. Ensure that the upcoming White Paper on social equality and social mobility among children and young people is compliant with the human rights of both the parents and the child, taking fully into consideration the relevant ECHR judgements.
2. Ratify the Optional Protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

We wish Norway a successful review.