**UPR48 - Italy**

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Thank you, Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Italy.

Malta recognises Italy’s important step by ratifying the Kampala Amendments to the Rome Statute in 2021, and its continued implementation of the WPS National Action Plan. Italy’s national report to this UPR session provides multiple important developments since the last UPR session. Malta welcomes Italy’s full engagement with the Human Rights Council and the UPR process across many thematic areas, and for its work in support of human rights at the Council.

Malta would like to present the following recommendations:

1. Consider taking further measures to improve the employment rate of persons with disabilities.
2. Consider prohibiting non-consensual and medically unnecessary surgeries on intersex children.

We wish Italy a successful review.