**UPR48 – Slovenia**

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Statement by Mr. Bernard Charles Mifsud, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Malta to the UN

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Thank you, Mr. Vice President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Slovenia to this UPR session.

Malta is pleased to note the significant progress and initiatives Slovenia has undertaken since the last review. Slovenia’s education system includes a number of programs and activities that ensure a multicultural approach to learning. We also welcome Slovenia’s decision to develop a national LGBTI equality strategy.

We are however concerned that despite several decades have passed, not enough progress has been made to adequately deal with the issue of “erased” persons since 1992.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Continue taking adequate measures to conclude all outstanding issues relating to the “erased” persons since 1992.
2. Incorporate into educational programs the concept of the need for sexual consent as part of personal development programs.
3. Consider introducing gender quotas in the Law on Elections to the National Assembly to boost gender representation.

We wish Slovenia a successful review.