**37th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Australia**

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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Christopher Grima,**

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, President

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Australia and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility nation-wide to at least 14 years;
2. Continue to advance reforms in remaining states that impose hurdles, including requirements for surgery, on people seeking official identity documents reflecting their gender;
3. To develop and implement a National Plan for Child Wellbeing and a national children’s data framework;
4. Continue to expand and provide resources for the delivery of child targeted mental health and support services.

We wish Australia a successful review session.

Thank you.