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

**Review of Nepal**

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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, President

Malta welcomes the delegation of Nepal and thanks it for the presentation of its national report. We congratulate Nepal for ratifying the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo Protocol).

Malta would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Nepal:

1. Continue working to ensure that police provide a safe and confidential environment for women and girls to report incidents of violence, including sexual violence, and that such complaints are recorded and investigated, and those responsible are brought to justice;
2. Consider including the issue of caste discrimination in school and university curriculums.

We wish the delegation of Nepal a successful review session.

Thank you.