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

**Review of Rwanda**

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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, President

Malta welcomes the delegation of Rwanda and thanks it for the presentation of is national report. We welcome the adoption of the first National Human Rights Action Plan and the steps taken to promote gender equality and prevent and eliminate all forms of gender-based violence.

Malta would like to recommend to the Government of the Rwanda the following:

1. Consider reviewing the registration requirements for both national and international NGOs with a view to simplifying the process;
2. Continue to participate in and engage with cases ongoing at the African Court;
3. Continue efforts to promote religious tolerance by ensuring accommodation for religious minorities in the workplace.

We wish the delegation of Rwanda a successful review session.

Thank you.