**38th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Belgium**

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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, President

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Belgium and would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ensure that the public health system is adequately funded and staffed, and that care homes have sufficient specialised and trained staff, adequately equipped to guarantee respect for the rights of older persons living in care homes;
2. Take further legislative steps to ensure legal gender recognition happens through a quick, transparent and accessible procedure;
3. Ensure adequate training for police, judicial and health care actors involved in the fight against gender-based violence.

We wish the delegation of Belgium a successful review session.

Thank you.