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**Review of Estonia**

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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, President

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Estonia and thanks it for the presentation of its national report. Malta congratulates Estonia on its ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention).

We would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Estonia:

1. Enact legislation that criminalizes hate speech, including on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics;
2. Consider acceding the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

We wish the delegation of Estonia a successful review session.

Thank you.