**39th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Greece**

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Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Greece and congratulates it on the adoption of its National Action Plans on the rights of persons with disabilities, and on Women, Peace and Security.

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

1. Consider taking steps towards legal recognition of same-sex relationships, including marriage, and the possibility to adopt children;
2. Develop a child centre budgetary policy, in combination with child mainstreaming, in all sectors of public policy;
3. Adopt appropriate measures to protect children who are victims of sexual abuse and/or exploitation and trafficking.

We wish the delegation of Greece a successful review session.

Thank you.