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**Review of Syrian Arab Republic**

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Malta welcomes the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations to the Syrian Arab Republic:

1. Take steps to hold accountable alleged perpetrators of violations of International Human Rights Law or International Humanitarian Law and ensure that victims and their families have access to justice and reparation.
2. Continue to ensure immediate, full and unhindered humanitarian access to populations in need throughout the whole country.

We wish the delegation of the Syrian Arab Republic a successful review session.