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**Review of Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela**

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

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Malta welcomes the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

We would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Ensure respect for freedom of assembly, opinion, and expression for individuals engaging in peaceful demonstrations, in accordance with the Constitution.
2. Urgently work with international agencies and local humanitarian workers to design and effectively implement a national plan to address the ongoing humanitarian emergency.

We wish the delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela a successful review session.