**­­41st session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of The Netherlands**

Intervention by H.E. Christopher Grima, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malta

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of The Netherlands and thanks it for the presentation of the national report.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of The Netherlands:

1. Consider optimising law, policy and practice to lower hate crime rates against LGBTI+ persons and promote a higher percentage of perpetrators being prosecuted and convicted.
2. Consider strengthening legislation to protect minorities from racial discrimination in many areas of life, including in employment, housing, education, and health and social care.

We wish the delegation of The Netherlands a successful review session.