**Statement by Malta at the 42nd Session of the Universal Periodic Review – Argentina – 23 January 2023**

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Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Argentina, and thanks it for presenting its national report. Malta welcomes Argentina’s National Action Plan for Combating Gender-Based Violence for the period 2022–2024 in September 2022.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

* Consider mechanisms to guarantee effective access to free legal representation for victims of gender-based violence.
* Consider additional steps to address disparities in the provision of public health between provinces to ensure equal access to health services for all.
* Strengthen efforts to promote policies for reconciling work and family life for both men and women.

We wish the delegation of Argentina a successful review session.