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Mr. President,

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Luxembourg to this session of the Universal Periodic Review.

We consider Luxembourg’s engagement with the HRC, the UPR process and the HR Treaty Bodies as exemplary and welcome Luxembourg’s consistent efforts to further strengthen its commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights.

Luxembourg’s national report includes a significant number of actions taken at the national level that adopt various international conventions and commitments into national legislation and practices, including, among others, the first national action plan in 2018 to promote the rights of LGBTIQ+ persons; and a separate action plan on equality between men and women in 2020. We also welcome Luxembourg’s ratification of the Istanbul Treaty in 2018 and the Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances in 2022.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Consider enacting legislation banning conversion therapy targeting LGBTIQ+ persons.
2. Consider to further strengthen measures that facilitate victims’ access to justice, including by providing them with information on complaint mechanisms.
3. Consider ways to ensure that women victims of discrimination and gender-based violence lacking sufficient financial means have better access to free legal aid.

We wish Luxembourg a successful UPR session.