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**Review of Malta**

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**Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Malta and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We congratulate the Maltese Government on the achievements in:

- combatting domestic violence, in particular the ratification of the Istanbul Convention and elaboration, in this regard, of the ‘Domestic Violence Act’ to amend the Criminal Code,

- drafting a Human Rights and Equality Commission Act and an Equality Act,

- promoting gender-balanced representations in political and public life.

We would like to encourage the Government to continue its efforts to safeguard human rights, to further promote them and to raise awareness through education on human rights.

We also **recommend** to the Government of Malta to establish a consolidated national institution with broad competence in the field of human rights, in accordance with the Paris Principles.

We wish the delegation of Malta a successful review.

**Thank you.**