**Statement of Hungary on Malta**

**31st Session of the UPR Working Group, 14 November 2018**

**Mr. President,**

Hungary welcomes the delegation of Malta and expresses its thanks for the detailed national report and update.

We value highly the fact that Malta has assumed further international human rights obligations and that it laid the ground-work for the establishment of the national human rights institution.

We deem commendable Malta’s efforts to strengthen the Maltese equality legislation.

**Hungary recommends that the Government**

* adopt the law on the establishment of the national human rights institution,
* ensure that all persons detained by the police can effectively benefit from access to a lawyer throughout their police custody, including during any police questioning.

Finally, the Hungarian Delegation wishes a successful UPR to the delegation of Malta.

**Thank you, Mr. President!**