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**Review of Ethiopia**

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**Statement by H.E Mr Christopher Grima,**

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, Madam Vice President.

Malta welcomes the delegation of Ethiopia and thanks it for the presentation of its national report. We commend the Government of Ethiopia for pushing progressive policy reforms and legislation as a result of inclusive dialogue.

We welcome the Ethiopian government’s commitment to the eradication of all forms of discrimination and in this context make the following recommendations:

1. Further strengthen the Administrative Boundaries and Identity Issues Commission;
2. Continue taking steps to promote religious dialogue and prevent discrimination on religious grounds.

We wish the delegation of Ethiopia a successful review.

I thank you.