**34th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Egypt**

**13 November 2019**

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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Malta welcomes the delegation of Egypt and thanks it for the presentation of its national report. We take good note of Egypt’s implementation of the recommendations it received, particularly its accession to the African Union Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption in 2017 and to the Arab Charter on Human Rights in April 2019.

Malta would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Consider reducing the number of crimes punishable by the death penalty;
2. Continue efforts to review and, where applicable, amend laws and policies that may discriminate against women and girls and ensure that they conform with international law and standards;
3. Continue efforts aiming at ensuring respect to freedom of religion or belief in law and practice in full conformity with international standards.

We wish the delegation of Egypt a successful review.

Thank you.