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**Review of Italy**

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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, Mr. President

Malta warmly welcomes H.E. Mr Manlio Di Stefano, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International cooperation, and the delegation of Italy and thanks them for the presentation of the national report. We welcome the Italian government’s achievements since its second review cycle and the implementation of the recommendations it received.

In this context, Malta would like to recommend to the Government of Italy the following:

1. Continue taking steps towards the full implementation of Italy’s obligations under the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment and its Optional Protocol;
2. Consider banning unnecessary, non-consensual and normalising surgeries on intersex individuals.

We wish the delegation of Italy a successful review.

Thank you.