**35th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Sweden**

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**Statement by Mr. Roberto Pace,**

**Counsellor**

Thank you, Madam President.

Malta warmly welcomes the Swedish delegation and makes the following recommendations.

1. Protect children’s right to bodily integrity, autonomy and self-determination by ensuring, by legislation or otherwise, that non-vital surgical or other medical procedures on intersex infants are not performed before they are able to provide their informed consent;
2. Adopt a new gender recognition law to ensure a quick, transparent and accessible mechanism based on self-definition, detaching medical procedures from legal gender recognition, in line with the Yogyakarta Principles;
3. Commission a State Public Report (SOU) with the mandate to investigate the legal possibility to introduce a third legal gender, towards increased recognition of self-defined gender identity of each person.

We wish the delegation of Sweden a successful review session.

Thank you.