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

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, President

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of the United States of America. We welcome the progress made by the United States on the reforms to the criminal justice system at federal level.

We recommend the following:

1. Strengthen measures to prevent and combat violence, especially the rate of murder experienced by transgender women of colour, as well as the violence experienced by the broader LGBTQ community;
2. Continue to reduce the role of policing as a response to societal problems largely related to poverty, while investing in direct solutions to those problems that do not involve criminalisation;
3. Establish a moratorium on the death penalty at federal level with a view to complete abolition, and take measures to avoid racial bias in capital punishment.

Thank you.