



Statement by
the Republic of Slovenia
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Mr President,

Slovenia would like to thank the delegation of Malta for the national report, its presentation today and their commitment to the UPR process.

Based on the information in the report that no public consultations took place in the process of drafting of the national UPR report,

We **recommend** to Maltese authorities to provide consultations with the CSO's in the process of implementation of recommendations from the current UPR cycle and in the drafting process for the next cycle report.

We note with concern that the investigation into the murder of Daphne Caruana Galizia remains without answers to key questions on who commissioned it.

We **recommend** to the Maltese authorities to spare no efforts in fully investigating her assassination with a view to identifying all those involved and ensuring there is no impunity for this crime.

We warmly welcome the information on the ratification of the Istanbul Convention since the last UPR. We also welcome the planned changes to the mandate of the existing national human rights institution, bringing it in line with the Paris Principles. We further recognise and welcome important steps taken by the authorities of Malta in the area of transgender and intersex rights, marriage and gender equality.

Thank you.