

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO MALTA (FIRST BATCH)**

### **SWEDEN**

- How is the Government of Malta seeking to ensure women's full enjoyment of their human rights, in particular their sexual and reproductive health and rights?
- How has the Government of Malta worked, in the wake of the murder of the investigate journalist Daphne Caruana Galizia, to fight corruption, money-laundering and organized crime?
- Does the Government of Malta plan to undertake further measures to safeguard the human rights of migrants and refugees, especially the right to seek asylum and to strengthen the protection of asylum seekers?
- Is the Government of Malta planning to improve conditions for stateless persons, including signing and ratifying the UN Convention on statelessness?

### **PORTUGAL on behalf of the Group of Friends on NMIRF's**

- Could the State-under-review describe its national mechanism or process responsible for coordinating the implementation of accepted UPR recommendations and the monitoring of progress and impact?
- Has the State-under-review established a dedicated 'national mechanism for implementation, reporting and follow-up' (NMIRF) covering UPR recommendations, but also recommendations/observations generated by the UN human rights Treaty Bodies, the Special Procedures and relevant regional mechanisms? If so, could the State-under-review briefly share its experience on creating such mechanism, including challenges faced and lessons learnt, as well as any plans or needs to strengthen the NMIRF in the future?

### **BELGIUM**

- Is the government of Malta considering ratifying the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women as well as lifting all its reservations to this Convention? Will the government of Malta review its legislation on abortion to ensure that women have access to legal abortion health services, especially in cases where their life or health is at risk?
- Which measures have been undertaken by the government of Malta to ensure and to reinforce the independence of public and private media and to guarantee the press freedom?
- Which efforts has the government of Malta made to strengthen the fight against corruption and organized financial crime?

- Is the government of Malta considering to put in place temporary special measures in areas where women are underrepresented or disadvantaged and provide additional resources to accelerate the improvement of the status of women?
- Is the government of Malta considering to accede and fully implement the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness?