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Statement by Jean-François Kammer, Deputy Permanent Observer**

Madam President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks the Special Rapporteur for his report and welcomes the idea of a fund for social protection as an ambitious goal for international solidarity.

The Order of Malta, through its humanitarian activities worldwide, assists the most vulnerable of society. We thus support the right of everyone to social security, guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To that end a global fund could be an important pillar.

In addition to resource mobilization from the public sector, the Special Rapporteur may wish to consider establishing partnerships with civil society organizations and other stakeholders in a position to contribute to the fund.

We agree, in accordance with the report, that countries aimed at benefiting of such a fund may define nationally the modalities to improve social protection in consistency with their specific societal circumstances.

Furthermore, it is important to stress that the nucleus of societies' social welfare remains the family. Especially in low-income countries, these structures are often the factual providers of social protection. Considering this, social security must also be achieved via assistance to the family.

Thank you.