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Statement by H.E. Ambassador Marie-Thérèse Pictet-Althann, Permanent Observer
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Mr. President,
Madam High Commissioner,
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

My Delegation thanks the High Commissioner for her comprehensive annual report and her tireless efforts to protect human rights across the world.

Many of the concerns expressed therein are of specific relevance to the Sovereign Order of Malta's worldwide humanitarian activities; assistance to the victims of the war in Ukraine being one of our main priorities. With reference to a potential global food crisis, we fear that such an intentional causation of hunger could increasingly be used as a weapon.

The increase of inequality and discrimination brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic is also of grave concern. It has made visible shortcomings in healthcare systems both in developed and less developed countries where serious weaknesses impaired the right to appropriate medical and health care. In order to ensure full respect of human dignity in its recovery efforts, the Order of Malta gives special attention to integrating human rights with a social, spiritual and cultural dimension.

To-day's rising global tensions have once again demonstrated the core value of inclusive multilateralism aiming for greater international solidarity which in turn contributes to resilient and prosperous societies. The Order of Malta welcomes OHCHR's continued peacebuilding efforts with its emphasis on strengthening capacities of civil society, in particular women and youth.

Thank you.