



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA

***Human Rights Council – 56th Session –
Item 2.- Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur
on Leprosy (Hansen’s disease)***

***Statement by Mr Hervé Arot,
Representative of the Sovereign Order of Malta’s Leprosy (Hansen’s disease)
CIOMAL Foundation***

Geneva, 21st June 2024

Mister President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

The CIOMAL Foundation and the Sovereign Order of Malta welcome the appointment of Mrs Beatriz Miranda-Galarza as Special Rapporteur and strongly support the key priorities set in her report to this 56th session of the Human Rights Council.

The CIOMAL Foundation and globally the Order of Malta are long time contributors to the ethics of care promoted by the Special Rapporteur, by sustaining programs to combat the Hansen’s disease in the healthcare and socioeconomic fields mainly in Asia, Latin America and Africa.

As a civil society organization, the Foundation has a field knowledge of combining the efforts of the public sector, local communities and advocacy associations in each country where it operates.

Therefore, as part of this year’s Interactive Dialogue, we wish to focus on two issues:

- the need for the Special Rapporteur to facilitate the submission of complaints by Hansen’s disease affected victims of human rights violations or their representatives;
- the implementation of an efficient and realistic international cooperation of all stakeholders, based on data sharing and adequate funding allocation to priority programs.

Thank you for your attention.