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

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Thank you for your insightful comments and for laying out your vision for the GA in the next year, Mr. President.

We are closely following the work to close the digital gap between the Global North and Global South. We admire and acknowledge the work you have done in New York during the Summit of the Future to create the global digital compact. As a humanitarian organisation that works in the areas that could benefit most from closing the digital gap, the Order of Malta is cognizant of both the opportunities and potential challenges that new digital technologies present.

Thus, in the light of the GDC from last year's Summit of the Future, what role do you see for the Human Rights Council in relation to new digital technology, and especially, what concerns or ideas do you have regarding the protection and promotion of human rights and the challenges of artificial intelligence that the council could consider in its work in Geneva among member states?