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**Item 3 – Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or  
belief and the prohibition of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment  
punishment**

**Statement by Jean-François Kammer, Deputy Permanent Observer**  
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Mr President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

The Sovereign Order of Malta commends the Special Rapporteur's Report and fully shares her views on the role Regional human rights Entities and non-State actors can play in raising the awareness of States about the link between Freedom of religion and the prohibition of torture and other degrading treatment.

The international community should address and prevent forms of torture or ill-treatment tailored to degrade people on the basis of their religion or belief and practices.

In its worldwide humanitarian action the Order of Malta, considers as its essential obligation to advocate for the respect and promotion of FORB, and the prevention of ill-treatment, in accordance with their obligations under international law.

The Order of Malta provides legal aid and rehabilitation support to detainees at risk of torture, ensuring their rights are upheld. Through medical assistance, diplomatic influence, and human rights advocacy, the Order actively promotes awareness and accountability, reinforcing the responsibility of prison actors to report and prevent violations of the prohibition of torture and ill-treatment.

Thank you.