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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities

Statement by Mr Yannick GALEAZZI, First Secretary

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Mr President,
Madam Special Rapporteur,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

The Sovereign Order of Malta thanks the SR for her report and notes her recommendations.

On the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we recognise the progresses made but are reminded that women and girls are still one of the most vulnerable groups, facing disproportionate violence and discrimination. A lot remains to be done.

The Order of Malta remains committed to advancing the rights of persons with disabilities through its many worldwide medico-social projects and humanitarian action, calling for disability inclusion, non-discrimination, a human rights and gender-based approach.

We therefore call on all States to respect their obligations under the CRPD, taking into account the BDPfA, to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities, especially women and girls.

Thank you.