

MALTA

Mr. Chairman

My Delegation would like to offer its congratulation to you, Mr. Chairman, on your election to preside over this important Commission. My congratulations also go to the other Members of the Bureau.

Mr. Chairman,

I would like here to present succinctly Malta's views on the question concerning the advancement

of women. But before doing that, my Delegation would like to state that the statement delivered

by Slovenia on behalf of the EU Member States generally reflects Malta's position on the subject being considered by this Commission. At the same time, and in this connection, Malta would also

Mr. Chairman,

As already stated, Malta is fully committed towards the development of the status of women in all spheres of life which aim to embrace equality and a true partnership between men and women in the sharing of responsibilities including those appertaining to families, careers and decision-making. Malta strongly believes that this position protects and consolidates such a partnership through the promotion of the right values of personal development for both men and women thus creating what we believe as the right role model for our present and future generations.

It is in this spirit and conviction that Malta intends to work within the European Union and with other UN Member States towards the empowerment of women and the achievement of gender equality in all spheres.

Thank you, Mr. Chair