

MALTA

Mr. Chairman,

Before presenting Malta's views on the item under consideration, my Delegation would like to refer to the statement delivered by the Sweden on behalf of the EU Member States. While the statement generally reflects Malta's position on the advancement of women, my delegation would like to once again clarify its position with respect to the language pertaining to the issue of sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Malta strongly reaffirms its position on the terms 'Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights', 'Reproductive Rights' and 'Reproductive Health'.

The Constitution of Malta guarantees the equality of women and men in the enjoyment of all economic, cultural, civil and political rights. In addition, a number of laws have been enacted to protect the rights of women and give support to articles in CEDAW, including the Employment and Industrial Relations Act of 2002 and the Equality for Men and Women Act of 2003. Family legislation had been amended to grant to both spouses equal rights and responsibilities in marriage, including joint responsibility for children and the right to jointly administer property acquired during the marriage.

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The Maltese Government is also carrying out research activities based on the following:

