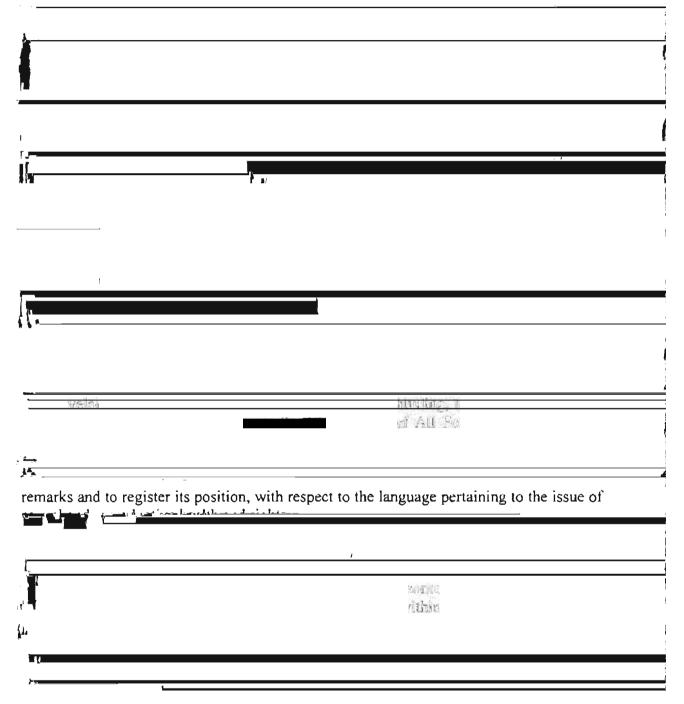


PERMANENT MISSION OF MALTA TO THE UNITED NATIONS 249 Fast. 35th. Street. New. York. N.Y. 19016 Jel. (212) 179-709 e-mail: malta-un.newyork@gov.mt Mr. Chairman.

On Monday the Ambassador of Belgium delivered a Statement on behalf of the EU Member States. The EU statement generally reflects Malta's position on the



Malta strongly reaffirms its strong support and commitment to the full implementation of the 1994 ICPD, the Beijing Platform for Action and the subsequent international instruments, as well as the MDGs. At the same time, my delegation is not in a position to share the view that these commitments cannot be achieved without guaranteeing women's sexual and reproductive health, rights and services.

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