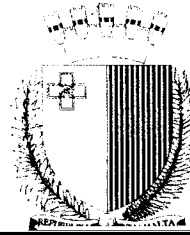


MALTA



Mr. Chairman,

At the offset, allow me to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of this august Committee.

Malta is fully committed towards the advancement 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 empowerment and for

generations.

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 France on behalf of the EU Member States **generally** reflects Malta's position on the subject.

Mr. Chairman,

The Government of Malta has on various occasions reiterated its commitment to gender equality, through both legal enforcement and the adoption of procedural measures. I would hereby like to mention a few of these measures that have been enacted by the Maltese Parliament in this regard, including:

1. Guidelines that apply to all programmes, including news and advertisements, broadcast on radio and television stations and are intended to make the broadcasting media more sensitive to gender equality.
2. An amendment to the Employment and Industrial Relations Act which prohibits

3. The provision to the Law on Access to Goods and Services and their Supply Regulation in 2008 which lays down a framework for combating discrimination based on gender in the access to and supply of goods and services with a view to