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The Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Unit of the Council of Europe welcomes the presentation of the Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act in the Parliament of Malta.

In 2010 the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe adopted a Recommendation CM/Rec(2010)5 to member states on measures to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation or gender identity. The Recommendation encourages member states to review prior requirements for legal gender recognition and establish quick, transparent and accessible procedures for it. These aspects have been given proper consideration in the proposed bill and the SOGI Unit considers the proposal to be grounded in the respect for privacy, self-determination and dignity of transgender and intersex persons.

The SOGI Unit highly appreciates the strong commitment which Malta has demonstrated in recent legislative initiatives to combat discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity, and warmly supports the present initiative to further improve protection of transgender and intersex people in Malta.

Cordially,

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