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To: Integration at MSDC
Cc: Agius Silvan at MSDC
Subject: Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act

To whom it may concern,

As a Maltese person who was born with a biological intersex variation known as Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome, I respectfully provide the following recommendations in relation to the proposed *Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sex Characteristics Act*.

Intersex people like me are born biologically part male and part female. While most of us identify and live exclusively as one sex and should be recognised that way, some of us accept the way God made us want to be acknowledged legally as such. Consequently, I wish to be legally recognised as being both male and female.

Currently I have a birth certificate that states I am female, and a Maltese passport that states I am male. Both are correct but not accurate. I am tired of having to pick one sex over the other for documents.

I completely oppose the idea of being recognised as an "X". I have previously had documents that referred to me in that way, but I found it meant I was excluded as both a woman and a man. I was nothing. It essentially said I was neither male nor female, which is wrong. God made me biologically both male and female, as my medical records can attest.

I very much look forward to reading this Bill and appreciate the Maltese Government acting to ensure the human rights and legal recognition for intersex people like me. All people are supposed to be equal before the law, yet sadly the law still does not recognise people who are born both male and female. I sincerely hope this legislation can finally provide people like me with some legal recognition.

Sincerely,

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