

STATEMENT NO. 21: MALTA

Mr. President, with all the other delegations we would also like to extend our sincere thanks to you for your remarkable courage and insistence, which has managed to overcome all hurdles in order that a compromise be reached. Your will and dedication to this task was really very impressive and will surely be remembered for a long time.

This delegation would also like to take this occasion to convey on behalf of my Minister, and indeed on behalf of the population of Malta, a special thanks to Mr. Michael Zammit Cutajar, whose guiding hand and unfailing dedication has been instrumental in the maturation of this Convention, a process which reached its climax just a few hours ago. The Maltese delegation is very much honoured with Mr. Zammit Cutajar's record of success and we are very confident that everyone in this assembly is in a position to acknowledge this fact.

Our sincere thanks and congratulations to you both.