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Malta Statement delivered by Ms Cara Borg Aquilina, Youth Delegate

Thank you, Chair.

Malta aligns itself with the statement [to be] delivered by the European Union and thanks Mr Quinn for his remarks.

Special Rapporteur,

The active engagement of persons with disabilities is indispensable for peace to succeed, whether in moral repair processes or transitional justice mechanisms.

Malta remains committed to ensuring that the rights and needs of persons with disabilities are reflected in peacebuilding processes, both as recipients and participants, including in the work of the Security Council. Persons with disabilities face multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. It is important to recognise the intersectional nature of disability with other personal characteristics within the UN peacebuilding architecture, including the WPS agenda, and the YPS agenda.

Special Rapporteur,



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Children's life experiences, shaped also by their disabilities, and their aspirations, can be significant contributors to sustaining peace. Malta therefore looks forward to the forthcoming study by the Special Representative on Children and Armed Conflict on children with disabilities in armed conflict.

Special Rapporteur,

How can Member States integrate the rights and needs of children with disabilities into the Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) agenda?

I thank you.