



## Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund, 25 October 2023

Malta Statement delivered by Mr. Adam Kuymizakis,  
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Excellencies,

Colleagues,

Malta is proud to support the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund. Our contribution to the Libya appeal will support frontline women's organisations in humanitarian action. Last month, the devastating floods exacerbated an already challenging situation following years of conflict and insecurity. Women and girls have been further exposed to discrimination and violence while they are on the move and displaced in temporary shelters. It is only through long-term and flexible funding to local women's rights and women-led organisations that we can reverse the funding deficit for gender equality in crisis situations.

Malta is gravely concerned about the risks facing women human rights defenders. The Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund's support for the courageous women that brief the Security Council is crucial in ensuring that these risks are never used as an excuse to exclude them. As a Shared Commitment holder on Women, Peace, and Security, Malta is committed to amplifying women's voices and following up the recommendations made by civil society to the Council. In closing, I quote Ms Yasmeen Al Eryani, who briefed the Council in May, about the unprecedented roll back of Yemeni



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women's hard-won rights and freedoms. She stated, "those basic rights must not be used as tool to garner influence, and they must never be bargained away."

I thank you.