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| From: | General Secretariat of the Council |
| To: | Permanent Representatives Committee/Council |
| Subject: | Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition and enforcement of measures and cooperation in matters relating to the protection of adults <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Partial general approach- Statement by Malta |

Delegations will find attached the statement by Malta to be included in the minutes of the Permanent Representatives Committee and of the Council.

Malta Statement on the Regulation on Protection of Adults – Partial General Approach

Malta supports the objectives which this Proposal aims to achieve, in particular to strengthen the right to autonomy of persons in a situation of vulnerability. However, Malta believes that the proposed text could have been more ambitious to better safeguard the rights of such persons.

Malta recalls that all Member States, as well as the Union itself, are parties to *the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)*, which is based on respect for the autonomy of persons, their self-determination, and the provision of support through relevant measures which respect the will and preferences of the affected person. Malta regrets that, as a result of the approach taken and the language used so far, the proposed text would not yet complement operation of the *HCCH 2000 Protection of Adults Convention* in a manner which secures and promotes the rights contained in the UNCRPD.
