

- ♦ take all appropriate measures to ensure that children born out of wedlock do not suffer discriminatory treatment or stigmatization and eliminate the terms "legitimate" and "illegitimate" from the Civil Code;
- ♦ take all appropriate measures to protect fully the rights of children born anonymously ("under x") and ensure that the right of children to know their parents is fully enforced;
- ♦ take all appropriate legal and other measures to protect children from being exposed to violence and pornography through video movies and other modern technologies, including the Internet; pursue efforts to adopt legislation effectively prohibiting the possession of pornographic material involving children and engage bilateral cooperation with neighbouring countries in this effort;
- ♦ explicitly prohibit by law corporal punishment at home and in care institutions;
- ♦ take all appropriate measures, including of a legislative nature, to ensure that children placed in any form of institution are guaranteed all their rights, in particular the right to periodic review of placement; establish a monitoring mechanism for care and other types of institutions; pay particular attention to monitoring children placed in foreign institutions when specialized expertise or appropriate facilities do not exist in the country; undertake a study to assess the impact of placement of children in neighbouring countries;
- ♦ with regard to the rights of children with disabilities, take all measures to implement fully the 1994 law on school inclusion;
- ♦ specifically integrate human rights education, including the rights of the child, into school curricula;
- ♦ undertake a comprehensive study to identify reasons for the drop in breast-feeding after the first month; extend the period of maternity leave, make serious efforts to educate the public — especially new parents — on the benefits of breast-feeding; adopt other measures, as necessary, to counteract any negative impact on employment of women who wish to continue breast-feeding their children for a longer period of time; increase efforts to promote compliance with the International Code for Marketing of Breast Milk Substitutes;
- ♦ undertake studies on the causes of suicide and other mental health problems among young people and adopt measures to combat this phenomenon; undertake "youth-friendly" preventive, curative and rehabilitative measures to address the increasing problem of drug and substance abuse among young adolescents;
- ♦ reinforce legislation, policies and programmes to prevent and combat all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse, including child prostitution, child pornog-

raphy and trafficking in children; establish a comprehensive national plan of action and implement the recommendations of the 1996 Stockholm World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children; and

- ♦ give special attention to alternatives to detention within the administration of juvenile justice and to the prevention of suicides in detention; provide appropriate infrastructures to detained children in order to fully ensure their separation from adults and to guarantee that they have regular contacts with their family; and take fully into account the right of detained children to education, including vocational training.



## MALTA

**Date of admission to UN:** 1 December 1964.

### TREATIES: RATIFICATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

**Land and People:** Malta has not submitted a core document for use by the treaty bodies.

#### Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Signed: 22 October 1968; ratified: 13 September 1990.  
Malta's initial report was due 30 June 1992; the second periodic report was due 30 June 1997.  
*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 13.

#### Civil and Political Rights

Acceded: 13 September 1990.  
Malta's second periodic report was due 12 December 1996.  
*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 13; paragraphs 2 and 6 of article 14; articles 19, 20, 21 and 22; declaration under article 41.

#### Optional Protocol:

Acceded: 13 September 1990.  
*Reservations and Declarations:* Article 1.

#### Second Optional Protocol:

Acceded: 29 December 1994.  
*Reservations and Declarations:* General reservation.

#### Racial Discrimination

Signed: 5 September 1968; ratified: 27 May 1971.  
Malta's 13th and 14th periodic reports were due 26 June 1996 and 1998 respectively.  
*Reservations and Declarations:* Articles 4 and 6.

#### Discrimination against Women

Acceded: 8 March 1991.  
Malta's initial and second periodic reports were due 7 April 1992 and 1996 respectively.