



Country: Malta

Committee: CSW (Commission on the Status of Women)

Topic: Assurance of Equal Pay for Services of Equal Derivative Values Between Men and Women

Extending The Reach of Economic Leadership of Women in Developing Countries

Women's Involvement in Global Politics as a Minority

The topics presented to the Commission on the Status of Women include the Empowerment of Female Entrepreneurs in Developing Countries and Removing Barriers to Justice for Women. Malta fully supports endeavours to advance women's rights in all areas and would like to see further efforts put forth in the realization of women's rights, the implementation of effective programs, and overall forward progress in the area of women's rights as a whole.

Malta puts its full support behind efforts to empower women not only in the business field, but in all other fields, and is committed to improving women's rights and gender equality as a whole. In recent years, two Acts which were passed through the Maltese Parliament strengthened the principle of equal treatment between men and women and the position of women in the labour market. Within the legal framework of the Equality for Men and Women Act, the National Commission for the Promotion of Equality was entrusted as the national machinery responsible for the promotion and the enforcement of equality. It an autonomous agency and its role includes analysing and consulting on the necessary initiatives that can be taken to enable women to actively participate in political, social, cultural and economic life of the country. The National Commission for the Promotion of Equality monitors efforts to bring national laws in line with the principle of gender equality. The Commission's main objective is to achieve equality of outcomes by promoting de facto equality rather than de jure equality.

Malta would also like to be sure that the cultural beliefs of each individual nation are taken into account and respected as much as possible when discussing possible ways to improve women's access to entrepreneurship/women's rights in general. Finally, Malta simply hopes to see effective collaboration between nations and an overall forward movement in regards to this issue as well as women's rights in general.

