



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE OF THE**  
**REPUBLIC OF MALTA**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC**  
**REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**  
**ON**  
**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DIPLOMATIC**  
**TRAINING**

The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “Parties” and separately as a “Party”);

**Wishing** to establish and further develop mutually beneficial cooperation for training of their diplomats in the field of diplomacy and the exchange of information on academic disciplines that are relevant for the practice of diplomacy and international relations;

**Pursuant** to the prevailing laws and regulations of their respective countries;

**Have reached** the following understanding:

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## **Article 1**

### **Objective**

The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as “MoU”) are to:

1. Maintain an active exchange of information about their respective diplomatic study programs and other relevant academic activities for diplomats on the basis of mutual respect, equality and benefit; and
2. Create and facilitate conditions for maintaining regular interactions and cooperation between their diplomatic training institutions.

## **Article 2**

### **Areas of cooperation**

In order to attain the objective of this MoU, the Parties may engage in the following areas of cooperation:

1. Promote the exchange of information about their respective diplomatic study programs as well as on regional and international academic institutions offering training for diplomats;
2. Promote exchange of academics, conference speakers, experts including cyber diplomacy experts, and experience in area of common interest;
3. Organize training sessions and encourage lectures and presentations by their officials in the framework of their training programs;
4. Exchanges of publications and documentations from other public or private institutions in their respective countries; and
5. Other areas of cooperation agreed upon by the Parties.

## **Article 3**

### **Forms of Cooperation**

1. The Parties will encourage the participation of their diplomats in the trainings offered by each other and will consult on the possibilities of organizing courses and seminars that could be held alternately in Valletta / Geneva and Addis Ababa.
2. Malta’s Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies and DiploFoundation will provide professional and technical assistance to the Foreign Affairs Institute and other relevant institutes of Ethiopia, especially in outlining the professional activities and trainings of the academy and in transferring the best practices of Malta’s Mediterranean Academy and DiploFoundation.



3. DiploFoundation will facilitate the participation of Ethiopian diplomatic officers and allocate them annual slots in its short and long term regular courses and training programmes in the area of Diplomacy and Digital Diplomacy, in accordance with Diplo Academy's course Catalogue.

#### **Article 4**

##### **Cooperation in the area of Cyber Diplomacy**

1. The Parties agree to strengthen cooperation in the area of cyber diplomacy. To this end, the Parties will facilitate the development of Ethiopia's capacity in cyber diplomacy by organizing R&D, capacity building programs, conferences and exchange of expertise through knowledge sharing regarding digital sovereignty and the application of international law in cyberspace, confidence-building measures, norms of state behaviour in cyberspace, and tackling the emerging cyber security threats.
2. The Parties agree to explore the possibility of convening an annual African Cyber diplomacy conference.

#### **Article 5**

##### **Responsibilities of Personnel**

Each Party will ensure that their personnel engaged in activities under this MoU respect and comply with the laws and regulations of the host country and do not participate in any political affairs and/or any commercial ventures as well as any other activity or program inconsistent with the purpose of this MoU.

#### **Article 6**

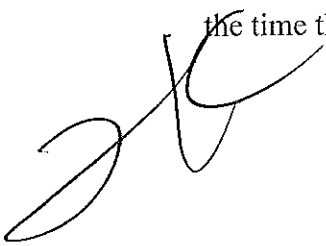
##### **Legal Status**

This MoU does not create any legally binding obligations under international law for the respective States of the Parties. The Parties will implement this in accordance with the domestic laws of their respective countries.

#### **Article 7**

##### **Financial Arrangements**

1. The funding of any training will be determined by agreement between the Parties during the time that the specific training is being discussed and planned.



2. The Parties are committed to engaging in such discussions with a positive, generous mindset, with an aim to finding mutually amicable solutions.

## **Article 8**

### **Confidentiality Clause**

Neither Party will disclose or communicate any confidential information relating to the affairs of the other Party to any third party, save where required by law or with the express written consent of the other Party. The obligations of Confidentiality will remain valid even after the termination of this MoU.

## **Article 9**

### **Settlement of Dispute**

Any dispute arising out of the interpretation and/or implementation of this MoU will be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

## **Article 10**

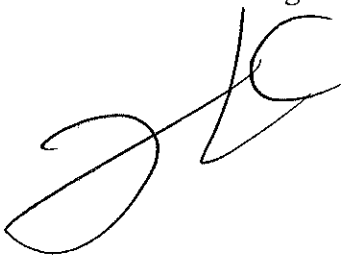
### **Amendment**

This MoU may be amended by mutual consent of the Parties through diplomatic channels. Any amendment(s) made to this MoU will form an integral part of this MoU.

## **Article 11**

### **Entry into Force, Duration and Termination**

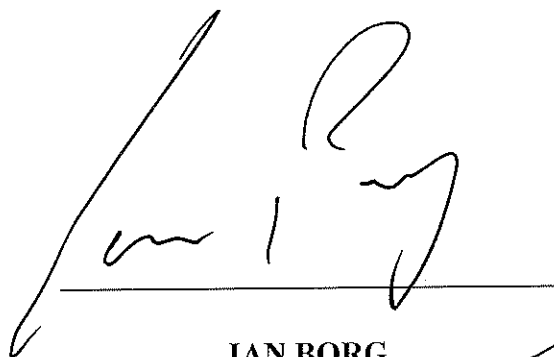
1. This MoU will enter into force upon signature.
2. This MoU will remain in force for a period of five (5) years and it will automatically be renewed for five (5) years unless one of the Parties terminate it by giving a six (6) months prior written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channel.
3. In case of termination of this MoU, any ongoing exchange of programs, uncompleted events and/or projects concluded within its framework prior to the termination will remain in force and continue as originally agreed up on, unless otherwise mutually agreed in writing by the Parties.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have signed this MoU in two originals, in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

Done at Addis Ababa on this 8 day of the month of May in the year 2023.

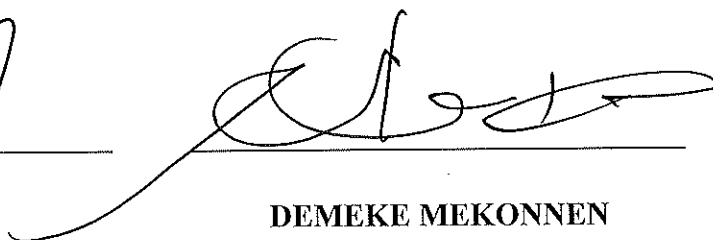
FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF MALTA

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IAN BORG

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AND  
EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC  
REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

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DEMEKE MEKONNEN

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS