



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF LIBYA

The Governments of Malta and the State of Libya, (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

Desiring to strengthen friendly diplomatic relations and cooperation between the two countries;

Recognising the importance of multilateral and bilateral dialogues among Parties in addressing common challenges, including, fight against climate change, address biodiversity loss and environmental pollution, renewable energy, urban greening, waste management and land reclamation;

Reaffirming their commitments in implementing the principles and mandates emanating from various Multilateral Environmental Agreements, including – and limited to- the Paris Agreement, the Convention of Biological Diversity and its Protocols;

Acknowledging the benefits that may derive from pursuing and strengthening mutual cooperation on environmental and climate change matters through project initiatives, sharing of best practices and knowledge and technological development;

HEREBY AGREE:

ARTICLE 1 SCOPE

The Parties shall establish a Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) to facilitate consultation and co-operation between the Parties in the areas of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2 JOINT COMMISSION

The Commission will be presided by Minister responsible for the environment and climate change portfolios of the respective Parties or by their representatives as well as experts of the two Parties in the environmental, climate, technical and scientific fields.

ARTICLE 3 AREA OF COOPERATION

The Parties shall explore opportunities for cooperation in relevant environmental and climate change areas of expertise, including and not limited to:

- **Biodiversity including:**
 - Biological diversity and Nature conservation;
 - Marine Environmental monitoring;
 - Management of Marine Protected Areas;
 - Addressing Invasive Alien Species;
 - Habitat Restoration in Coastal Areas;
 - Addressing Marine Litter/Micro Plastics;

- **Land Resources**
 - Land degradation and soil protection;
 - Land Reclamation;
 - Implementation of Green Infrastructure, urban greening and related policies;

- **Integrated Coastal Zone Management**

- **Spatial Data and Geomatics**

- **Waste Management**
 - Sustainable management of resources including waste prevention;
 - Best practices in the area of green and circular economy;

- **Climate Change**
 - Climate Change adaptation;
 - Adaptation strategies to increase resilience against climate change impacts including drought and freshwater resources, water scarcity, sea level rise, ocean acidification, renewable energy.

ARTICLE 4
WORK OF THE COMMITTEES

The Parties may establish additional Committees, Sub Committees and Working Groups to deal with specific issues as determined by the Commission.

ARTICLE 5
COMMUNICATION

All communications shall be conveyed directly by the established Committees or through official diplomatic channels, including Ministers for Foreign Affairs, or their representatives, of the two Parties.

ARTICLE 6
CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

1. The Commission meetings will be held every 2 years in Libya or Malta, or any other platform agreed between Parties;
2. The Commission can hold an extraordinary session at the request of either of the Parties;
3. The date and agenda of sessions of the Commission shall be agreed upon by the Parties upon proposals of the host country;
4. Each meeting of the Commission shall be followed by agreed minutes both signed by the heads of the delegation concerned.

ARTICLE 7
DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations through the established diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 8
AMENDMENTS

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

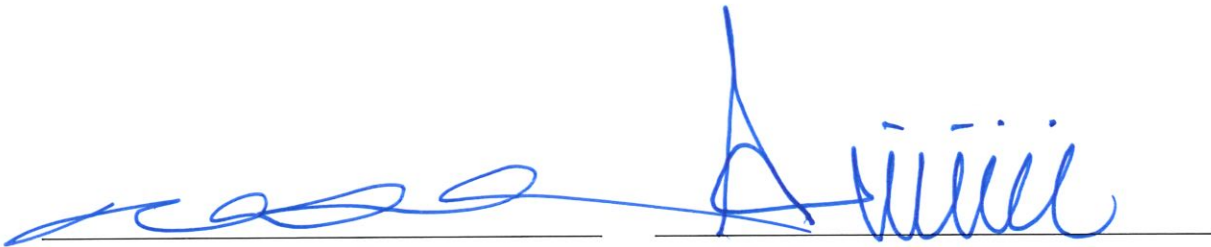
ARTICLE 9
ENTRY INTO OPERATION, DURATION AND TERMINATION

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the last written notification by which one Party informs the other about the completion of the internal legal procedures required for its entry into force. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and automatically renew for a similar period unless a written notice of intention to terminate is given by either party 3 months prior to termination.

Done in on, corresponding to (date in Arabic calendar), in two original copies, in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
STATE OF LIBYA**



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