



**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN
ON THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND
PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES AND AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME**

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties"

CONVINCED that international co-operation is absolutely indispensable for an effective prevention and repression of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and in the fight against organised crime;

AWARE that illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as production and diffusion thereof, represent a serious threat to a regular socio-economic development and to their citizens' psycho-physical welfare;

IN VIEW of the provisions of the Single Convention on Drugs (New York, 30th March, 1961), of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances (Vienna, 21st February, 1971), of the Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (Vienna, 20th December, 1988) and of the "Comprehensive Action Plan" (New York, 23rd February, 1990), drawn up under the auspices of the United Nations;

AWARE that criminal organizations operating at international level are increasingly involved in this illicit trafficking;

CONSIDERED the need to intensify bilateral co-operation in the fight against illicit trafficking in drugs and psychotropic substances and believing that such co-operation should be part of the institutionally ordinary activities of each competent Administration of the two countries and of the Ministry of Justice and Home Affairs of Malta and the Ministry of the Interior of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in particular,

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article I

1. For the purpose of the present Agreement, a bilateral Committee shall be established for co-operation in the fight against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and against organised crime.
2. The bilateral Committee shall include representatives of both Ministries, Police Officials and experts in the fields mentioned in the present Agreement.
3. Subject to previous arrangements, representatives of other Ministries and Offices may be invited at the meeting of the Committee, if appropriate.
4. The Committee shall meet whenever the Parties deem it necessary to review the current state of co-operation or to examine issues requiring high level agreement.
5. Furthermore, with a view of giving an operative character to the collaboration, there shall be established *ad hoc* Committees, made up of high level officials, which shall have the task of thoroughly examining specific subjects of co-operation.

Article II

In accordance with the provisions of the present Agreement, the Contracting Parties, on their own initiative or at the request of the other Party, within the limits of their legislations,

- (a) agree to grant each other assistance in the control of persons involved in organised crime, as well as persons and transportation means used in the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances or presumed to be involved therein;
- (b) agree to exchange all useful information concerning persons and transportation means involved in the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances or presumed to carry out this trafficking as well as information concerning persons belonging or presumed to belong to criminal organisations;
- (c) agree to establish the most appropriate communications channels to facilitate a rapid exchange of all the information regarding illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and organised crime.

Article III

1. If requested by the competent central authority of the other Party, each Contracting Party agree to initiate investigations with respect to activities related to illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, or facts in which persons belonging to criminal organisations are involved. The competent central authorities of the requesting Party shall be promptly informed of the results. Such investigations shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of legislation in force in the requested country.
2. The above investigations shall not be carried out if the requested Party believes that they impair its sovereignty and pose a threat to its security or other essential interests.

3. Officials of the competent central authorities of one of the Parties, authorised to investigate on the infringements concerning illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances or carried out by persons belonging to criminal organisations, may, subject to the agreement of the competent central authorities of the other Party, provide assistance in the operations thereof in the territory of the other Party when these crimes affect the requesting Party. During their stay in the country, the officials shall be granted the same protection as the officials of the host country, in accordance with the laws in force.

Article IV

1. The Contracting Parties, through their competent central authorities, agree to provide each other, on request or on their own initiative, all the information which may contribute to oppose illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. In particular, the exchange of information shall cover:

- (a) Methods to combat the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- (b) The use of new technical means in this field, including training systems and the use of anti-drug dogs;
- (c) Scientific, professional and educational publications covering the fight against illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- (d) New drugs and psychotropic substances, production sites, channels used by traffickers and concealment methods, price variations of drugs and psychotropic substances;
- (e) Methods and performance of customs controls;
- (f) New routes and means used in illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, as well as concealment methods of the latter.

2. Each Contracting Party, on its own behalf or upon request, agree to provide the other Party – in accordance with national legislation – the documents containing information on cases of illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

3. The Contracting Parties agree to exchange information on the recycling and transfer systems of capitals proceeding from illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

4. The Contracting Parties agree to periodically organise meetings, seminars and retraining courses for their drug-enforcement officials.

Article V

1. The Contracting Parties, through their central authorities, agree to provide each other, on request or on their own initiative, all the information which may contribute towards the fight against criminal organizations. In particular, the exchange of information shall cover:

- (a) The different aspects of organised crime and the fight against it;
- (b) Possible contacts between criminal associations or organised groups of the two countries;
- (c) Analysis of the development of such criminal contacts;

- (d) Operational measures designed to grant airport and sea-port security, as well as the defence of persons and targets from any illicit act;
- (e) Illegal financial operations, counterfeiting of paper currency and securities, theft of works of art and antiques, as well as other particularly serious crimes whose unmasking and pursuit affect both Parties.

2. The Contracting Parties agree to exchange their own specialists for mutual consultations on practical problems and agree to exchange their experience in the fields of organisation in the fight against organised crime, as well as information regarding the judicial measures in force in respect of activities in the fight against the above form of crime.
3. The Contracting Parties agree to exchange information and samples of technical means of individual defence used in operations designed to repress organised crime, as well as their mutual experience in activities concerning services of public order and the professional training of police officials. For this purpose, an exchange of police staff between the Contracting Parties is envisaged with the aim of participation in higher training.
4. The Contracting Parties agree to organize meetings and joint seminars dealing with the main guidelines and problems of the fight against organised crime.

Article VI

The forms of assistance and cooperation in accordance with the present Agreement shall be ensured directly by the competent central authorities of the Contracting Parties, which agree to meet as soon as possible to define the relevant operational conditions.

Article VII

The provisions of the present agreement shall not affect the commitments of both parties resulting from bilateral, multilateral or international agreements.

Article VIII

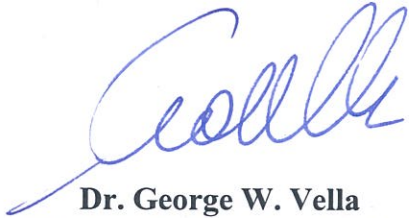
Both **Parties** shall settle any problems arising from the interpretation and implementation of the present agreement through consultations and negotiations.

Article IX

1. The present Agreement shall enter into force after exchanging written notes through diplomatic channels stating that all the national legal requirements of both Parties have been fulfilled.
2. Either Party may terminate the Agreement by informing the other Party, in writing, about its intention to terminate it. The Agreement will be terminated after six (6) months from receiving the written notice by one of the Parties.

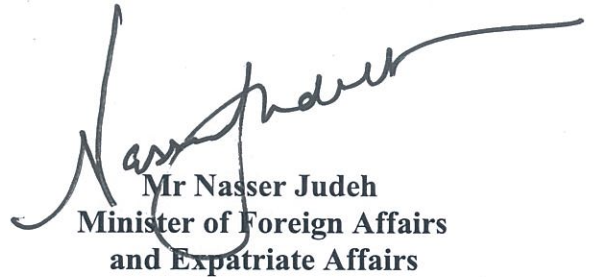
Signed in duplicate at Amman.....on 27 October 2014 in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In cases of differences in the interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the Republic of
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