

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE  
PROMOTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

AND

THE MINISTER FOR EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

ON

DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION



**The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta, on the one hand,**

**and**

**The Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic, on the other hand,**

**Hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,**

Considering the Cultural Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the French Republic signed in Paris on February 14th 1968;

Considering the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Republic of France on Co-operation in Matters Regarding Internal Affairs signed in Paris on March 9th 1998 ;

Considering the Protocol on Cooperation between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic signed in Malta on December 8th 2006;

Building on the close relations between their two countries;

Desiring to develop and promote effective cooperation between the two countries based on the principle of common interests, particularly with regard to important issues that concern the European Union and the Mediterranean region;

Sharing the same will to work in the world for peace, security and stability, development and economic prosperity;

Wishing to further strengthen their cooperation in the diplomatic field;

Bound by the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963;

**Have agreed as follows:**

**Article 1: Purpose**

The Parties decide to encourage their cooperation in the field of diplomacy to contribute to the support and development of their bilateral relationship and strengthen their consultation and their coordination on European, regional and international dossiers and global issues and challenges.

**Article 2 - Joint seminars**

The Parties agree to organize, on a regular basis, joint seminars on matters of mutual and common interest.

On the proposal of either Party and subject to the agreement of the other Party, these seminars can as necessary involve public and private experts, researchers, and representatives of non-governmental organizations.

**Article 3 - Bilateral consultations**

The Parties agree to hold bilateral consultations on certain aspects of their bilateral relations as well as on European and regional and other international issues in which they consider to have an interest with a view to sharing their analyses and coordinating their actions.

**Article 4 - Training of diplomatic staff**

The Parties agree to promote and strengthen their relations through the training of their diplomatic staffs.

Both Parties undertake to foster the participation of diplomats, experts, academics and/or researchers of the other Party in conferences organized by the institutions in charge of training the diplomatic staff of the Parties.

The French Party undertakes to promote access of Maltese diplomats in short training

programmes organized by the École Nationale d'Administration (ENA, National School of Public Administration).

The French Party undertakes to encourage and support basic or more advanced teaching of the French language to Maltese diplomats.

#### **Article 5 – Diplomat exchanges**

Both Parties agree to study the possibility of facilitating the hosting of the other Party's diplomats in their Ministries of Foreign Affairs to perform their duties therein, particularly during a period of particular importance for the diplomatic activity of either Party (for example, during the presidency of a multilateral institution or during the organization of a major event) and to foster greater mutual understanding between members of diplomatic staff of the Parties.

#### **Article 6- Cooperation in public and diplomatic archives**

The Parties agree to explore the possibility of developing their cooperation in the area of public and diplomatic archives, on a reciprocal basis and in compliance with their respective national legislation.

Both Parties agree to provide mutual and appropriate assistance to the employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the researchers who are accredited by the other Party to facilitate the research of their public and diplomatic archives subject to their respective national policies and legislation in force at the time when the said research is conducted.

#### **Article 7 – Implementation**

The provisions set out in this Administrative Arrangement may be the subject of additional protocols detailing the arrangements for their implementation.

#### **Article 8 – Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Administrative

Arrangement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

#### **Article 9 – Funding**

The Parties undertake to ensure that funding for activities arising from the cooperation provided for in this Administrative Arrangement is within the limit of the annual operating budget of the administrations of the Parties concerned by the said cooperation.

#### **Article 10 - Amendments**

This Administrative Arrangement may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Any amendment shall fulfil the conditions relating to the conclusion of an Administrative Arrangement and shall form an integral part of this text.

#### **Article 11 – Entry into force and termination**

This Administrative Arrangement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

It may be terminated at any time by either of the Parties by giving six months' written notice to the other Party and without prejudice to the training and exchange programmes of diplomatic staff being conducted.

Done at Paris, on 13<sup>th</sup> of July 2018, in two original copies, each in the English and French languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs  
and Trade Promotion  
of the Republic of Malta



Carmelo ABELA

The Minister for Europe  
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Jean-Yves LE DRIAN