

Joint Communique of the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Malta on the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations Between China and Malta

In accordance with the principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and equality and mutual benefit, the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of Malta have decided upon mutual recognition and the establishment of diplomatic relations as from January 31, 1972 and have agreed upon the exchange of ambassadors within a short time.

The Maltese Government recognizes the Government of the People's Republic of China as the sole legal Government of China.

The Chinese Government reaffirms that Taiwan Province is an inalienable part of the territory of the People's Republic of China. The Government of Malta takes note of this statement of the Chinese Government.

The Chinese Government supports the Government and people of Malta in their efforts to safeguard national independence and sovereignty and to develop a self-contained economy devoted to peace.

The Chinese Government and the Maltese Government have decided to provide each other with all necessary assistance for the establishment and the performance of the functions of the diplomatic missions in their respective capitals on the basis of equality and mutual benefit and in accordance with international practice.

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