



PROTOCOL
ON REINFORCED COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF MALTA

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta (hereon referred to as "the Parties"),

Willing to further strengthen the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between their respective Countries and Governments, in the framework of their common membership to the European Union,

Wishing to further develop and reinforce the above-mentioned relations and create the framework of a strong and fruitful bilateral cooperation, reflecting their shared values and building on their common interests as members of the European Union;

Convinced that a regular and constructive dialogue on bilateral issues which fall within the competencies of the Parties, as well as on European, regional and international issues of mutual interest, will contribute to achieving a better knowledge and understanding of each other's positions,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two Parties will hold regular consultations, within the framework of a reinforced dialogue, aiming at deepening and widening their cooperation in the above mentioned fields.

Article 2

These consultations will be held between the Permanent Secretaries or senior officials of the respective Ministries of Foreign Affairs, once a year, alternately in Nicosia and in Valletta.

Article 3

Consultations between the Parties will concern in particular:

1. Issues related to the deepening of political cooperation, as well as to other bilateral issues falling within their competencies;
2. Issues related to the Cyprus question in general and the UN sponsored negotiations in particular;
3. Other regional and international issues of common interest, taking particularly into consideration the agenda of the international and regional organisations to which both countries participate;

4. Issues related to the European Union, such as its future, the process of enlargement, the Euro-Mediterranean partnership and the foreign and security common policy;

Article 4

The date and the agenda of the consultations will be agreed through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

The Parties will exchange, whenever deemed necessary, views on the issues on the agenda of the United Nations and of other international and regional organizations, through their respective diplomatic representations.

Equally, the diplomatic representations of both Parties in third countries will strengthen their cooperation and will exchange views and information on issues of common interest.

Article 6

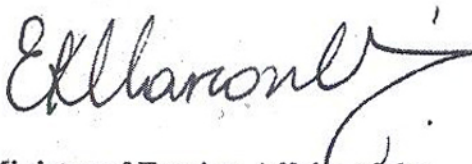
The Parties agree on the need to closely cooperate in order to conclude the appropriate bilateral agreements to cover all possible fields within their competencies.

In order to ensure effective bilateral cooperation, the Parties agree to closely monitor the implementation of the agreements signed between the Republic of Cyprus and Malta and will propose the negotiation and the conclusion of new agreements, if deemed necessary.

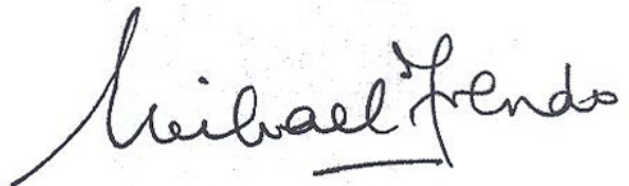
Article 7

The present Protocol will enter into force on the date of signature and will remain valid until either of the Parties gives to the other written notification of its will to terminate it six months prior the date of termination.

Done in two original copies in English, at *Valletta* on the *12* of *February* 2008



Minister of Foreign Affairs of the
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