

# ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

BETWEEN

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

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE  
OF HUNGARY

IN THE FIELD OF

DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta, represented by the Hon Carmelo Abela, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta, on the one hand,

and

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, represented by H.E. Péter Sziijártó, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, on the other hand,

Hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”,

**HAVING CONSIDERED** that since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Malta and Hungary in December 1970, bilateral relations have been positive and strengthened by a legal framework of bilateral agreements comprising various forms of cooperation;

**BUILDING** on the close relations between their two countries;

**DESIROUS** 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** a common will to work at the international level for peace, security and stability, development and economic prosperity;

**AIMING** to further strengthen their cooperation in the field of diplomatic activity;

**COMMONLY 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 hereinafter agreed as follows:**

### **Article 1: Purpose**

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

### **Article 2 - Joint seminars**

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

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

### **Article 3 - Bilateral consultations**

The Participants 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 Participants agree to promote and strengthen their relations through the training of their diplomatic staffs. Both Participants undertake to foster the participation of diplomats, experts, academics and/or researchers of the other Participant in conferences organised by the institutions in charge of training the diplomatic staff of the Participants.

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

Both Participants agree to study the possibility of facilitating the hosting of the other Participant's diplomats in their Ministries for Foreign Affairs to perform duties

therein, particularly during a period of particular importance for the diplomatic activity of either Participant (for example, during the presidency of a multilateral institution or during the organisation of a major event) and to foster greater mutual understanding between members of the diplomatic staff of the Participants.

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

The Participants 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 Participants agree to provide mutual and appropriate assistance to the employees of either Ministry for Foreign Affairs and to the researchers who are accredited by the other Participant 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 Participants.

#### **Article 9 – Funding**

The Participants 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 Participants concerned by the said cooperation.

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### **Article 10 - Amendments**

This Administrative Arrangement may be amended at any time by mutual written agreement of the Participants. 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 does not constitute an international treaty and hence generates no rights and obligations under international law.

This Administrative Arrangement shall come into effect on the date of its signature.

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

Done at Valletta, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, in two original copies, each in the English language.



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