

CULTURAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Hellenic Republic

- considering the close and friendly relations existing between the two countries and the bonds of civilization and culture which associate them in the historical development of the Mediterranean;
- wishing to promote more intense collaboration in the fields of culture, art, science, tourism, mass media and sports in order to strengthen the ties of mutual friendship;
- being conscious of the importance of mutual cultural contributions,
- have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Each Contracting Party shall encourage the study of the literature, art, science and civilization of the other Party and facilitate in the widest possible manner the cultural, scientific and technical co-operation between the two countries.

Article 2

Each Contracting Party shall facilitate the admission of the nationals of the other Party to its universities and institutions of higher learning and allow them to follow on its territory, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force, all professional training, studies and research.

Article 3

The Contracting Parties shall endeavour to include in their educational and teaching programmes ideas which will foster a better knowledge of the respective countries.

Article 4

The Contracting Parties have agreed that the equivalence of degrees and diplomas awarded by educational institutions will be examined:

in the Republic of Malta within the limits laid down by its laws and regulations in force. In the Hellenic Republic by the institutions of Higher Learning which have the exclusive jurisdiction to formulate according to each case and speciality the conditions for the recognition of the diplomas.

Article 5

Each Contracting Party shall, to the extent possible, make available to the other Party, scholarships for teaching and further training of nationals in those fields to be determined by common agreement.

Article 6

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate the exchange of students, trainees, teachers, research workers, experts, lecturers and other personnel exercising an activity in the fields referred to in Article 1.

Article 7

In accordance with its laws and regulations each Contracting Party shall facilitate the access of experts, university students, research workers and teachers of the other Party to its libraries, archives, museums, research laboratories and cultural organisations.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties shall encourage co-operation between their museums, libraries, archives and other cultural institutions, as well as the exchange of cultural and artistic programmes between their respective Radio and Television Organisations.

They shall also facilitate the exchange and the circulation of brochures, periodicals of a literary, artistic, scientific or technical nature, as well as music recordings and films of educational interest concerning their countries.

Article 9

Each of the Contracting Parties shall encourage the organisation on its territory of artistic and scientific exhibitions, concerts, theatrical and folkloristic performances.

The Contracting Parties shall also facilitate close co-operation and exchanges between artistic groups, youth movement and social organisations.

Article 10

The Contracting Parties shall encourage:

- 1) the participation of their representatives in international sport events, competitions and meetings held by the other Party;
- 2) the co-operation of sport associations in their respective countries;
- 3) contacts of their national tourist organisations in order to increase the flow of tourists between the two countries.

Article 11

For the purpose of the application of this Agreement a Joint Maltese-Greek Committee shall be set up which will meet in plenary sessions once every two years, alternatively in Malta and in Greece as to elaborate the details of the programmes of co-operation as well as their financial terms.

The implementation of the provisions of the programmes elaborated by the Joint Committee shall take place through the diplomatic channels of the two Parties.

All exchanges foreseen in this Agreement and in particular those of artist and artistic groups will be on a reciprocal basis.

Article 12

This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day counting from the date of the exchange of the instruments of ratification which will take place in Rome.

Article 13

This Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period of time. It may be denounced by either Party by means of a notice of denunciation addressed to the

other Party. In such case the Agreement shall cease to be operative six months from the date of the receipt of the notice of its denunciation.

In witness whereof, the authorized Representatives of the two Parties have signed the present Agreement and provided it with appropriate seals.

Done in Athens on the 8th day of April 1976 in two originals in the English language.

ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

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