



**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND
THE REPUBLIC OF ITALY
ON THE REPRESENTATION OF MALTA BY
ITALIAN CONSULAR AUTHORITIES
IN THE GRANTING OF TRANSIT AND SHORT-STAY VISAS**

Art.1

The Republic of Italy represents the Republic of Malta within the framework of this Agreement, in the granting of transit and short-stay visas for Malta. The Italian consular authorities, acting within the framework of this agreement, will be assigned in the attached list of countries where representation is required, which also forms an integral part of this agreement. The representation will come into effect after the host countries will have agreed on this matter.

Art.2

When granting visas for the Republic of Malta, in the framework of this Agreement, Italian legislation as well as the respective EU legislation is applicable, including those regulations regarding administrative costs, provided that the national interests of the Republic of Malta, as applied in Art. 3 are safeguarded. If the conditions for granting a visa are not fulfilled, the applicant will be referred directly to the responsible Maltese Authority.

Art.3

The Italian consular authorities will, within the framework of this Agreement, enter into direct consultations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta; in such cases, all relevant and available information will be exchanged. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta will

inform the Italian consular authorities, at the earliest possible, whether or not there are reasons for the refusal of granting a visa. The opinion of the responsible Maltese Authorities will be binding.

Art.4

The Italian consular authorities, acting in the framework of this Agreement, will utilize the EU uniform visa stickers, which the authorities of the Republic of Malta will provide regularly to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy, the latter being responsible for their distribution, in accordance with the list referred to in Art.1.

Art.5

The Republic of Italy, in processing visa applications for the Republic of Malta, will be as cautious as in the processing of visa applications for Italy. The Republic of Italy bears no liability for the activities carried out in the framework of the present Agreement.

Art.6

The present Agreement will enter into force on the first day of the third month following the receipt of the second of the two notifications through which both contracting parties would have communicated, via diplomatic channels, notification of fulfillment of procedures required to bring the Agreement into force.

Art.7

This Agreement is valid for an unlimited period of time and may be terminated at any time in writing through diplomatic channels by either contracting party. In case of termination, the Agreement will remain in force for ninety (90) days following the receipt of the notice of termination by the other contracting party.

Art.8

Either of the two contracting parties may, at any time and for any reasons deemed necessary, consult with the other contracting party.

Either contracting party may, without stating any reason, suspend the Agreement at any time in whole, or in part thereof. The suspension of the whole or part of the Agreement or the revocation of same is to be notified to the other contracting party through diplomatic channels and shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the notification of suspension or revocation.

Signed in Rome on the 24 day of October of the year Two thousand and five (2005) in two copies each in the English and Italian languages, both of them being equally authentic.



For the
Republic of Malta



For the
Republic of Italy

ANNEX

AFGHANISTAN	Kabul
ALGERIA	Algiers
ANGOLA	Luanda
ARMENIAN	Yerevan
BAHRAIN	Manama
BANGLADESH	Dhaka
BELARUS	Minsk
BOLIVIA	La Paz
BRAZIL	Sao Paulo
CANADA	Vancouver
ETHIOPIA	Addis
GEORGIA	Tbilisi
INDIA	New Delhi, Calcutta
IRAQ	Baghdad
ISRAEL	Tel Aviv
KAZAKHSTAN	Almaty
LEBANON	Beirut
MAROCCO	Rabat
MOSAMBIQUE	Maputo
MYANMAR	Yangon
NAMIBIA	Windhoek
NICARAGUA	Managua
NIGERIA	Lagos
PAKISTAN	Karachi
PANAMA	Panama
QATAR	Doha
SERBIA & MONTENEGRO	Belgrade, Podgorica
SINGAPORE	Singapore
SOUTH AFRICA	Pretoria, Capetown, Durban
SRI LANKA	Colombo
SUDAN	Khartoum
SWITZERLAND	Zurich
TANZANIA	Dar es Salaam
TURKEY	Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir
IRELAND	Dublin
UNITED STATES	Chicago, Houston, San Francisco
URUGUAY	Montevideo
UZBEKISTAN	Tashkent
YEMEN	Sana'a
ZAMBIA	Lusaka