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Guided by the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as the Vienna convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963;

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Done and signed in Valletta, on the 6th October 2017 in two original copies in the English language.

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