

**COOPERATION PROGRAM  
BETWEEN  
THE MEDITERRANEAN ACADEMY OF DIPLOMATIC STUDIES  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA  
AND  
THE INSTITUTE OF DIPLOMATIC STUDIES  
OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA**

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies at the University of Malta and The Institute of Diplomatic Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereinafter referred to as "the parties", guided by their common desire to establish and develop a cooperation program between them, have agreed to the following:

**Article One**

The aims of the Cooperation Program:

- A) To establish and strengthen cooperation in the areas of information, research activities, and training programs.
- B) The cooperation between the two parties is not governed by commercial considerations.

**Article Two**

The scope of the Cooperation Program:

- A) The parties recognize the need for developing and introducing modern methods in the field of training in: foreign policy, international relations, international law, international economy, political science and other pertinent subjects.
- B) The parties agree to cooperate in areas related to methods of instruction and research, and to consult each other in issues related to teaching foreign languages.
- C) The parties agree to discuss joint programs for basic and specialized training of diplomats to improve their diplomatic skills.
- D) The parties agree to develop joint scientific research, and to exchange publications, and expertise.
- E) The parties agree to exchange invitations of specialists to workshops, symposiums and conferences.
- F) The parties agree to exchange expertise in areas related to library organization, education and educational institutions administration.
- G) The parties agree to exchange Lecturers and students in order to promote their professional skills.

- H) The parties agree to hold regular meetings and discussions on mutual interest issues with the participation of their respective representatives and Foreign Ministry officials or diplomatic mission representatives, as well as other faculty members, and students.

### Article Three

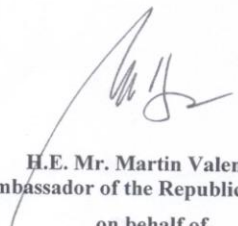
This Cooperation Program does not imply any commitment to transfer financial resources between the Parties. Each Party shall be responsible for financing independently according to its budget and its national legislation, its participation in the cooperation arrangements specified in this Cooperation Program.


### Article Four

The execution of the Cooperation Program:

- A) This Cooperation Program is to be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations of the signatories of this program.
- B) The Cooperation Program shall enter into force on the day both parties have signed it for a period of three (3) years and will be automatically extended for a subsequent period of another year, unless one of the Parties informs the other, in a written form and no later than three months prior to the agreements termination date, of the intention to terminate the Cooperation Program.
- C) Early termination of this Cooperation Program shall not affect the conclusion of cooperation activities implemented during its effective period.

Signed in *Riyadh* on this *15<sup>th</sup>* day of *Nov*, 2015, in two originals, in the Arabic and English languages, all texts are being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Cooperation Program, the English text shall prevail.

  
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