



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY FOR HEALTH OF**

**THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF**

**THE REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

**IN THE FIELD OF MEDICAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH CARE**

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**ON ONE PART:** The Ministry for Health of the Republic of Malta with legal address at 15, Palazzo Castellania, Merchants Street, Valletta, Malta, represented in this act by the Hon. Christopher Fearne in his capacity as Minister, hereinafter identified as a Maltese Party.

**ON THE OTHER PART:** The Ministry of Public Health of the Republic of Cuba with legal address at street 23 corner N number 208, Plaza de la Revolución, Havana, Cuba, represented in this act by Dr. José Angel Portal Miranda in his character as Minister, identified hereinafter as a Cuban Party.

**THE PARTIES**, mutually recognizing their capacity and representation in this act, decide to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), under the following terms and conditions:

## **Article 1**

### **Object**

The Parties shall promote, within the scope of their competences, defined by the existing national laws of both countries, reciprocal cooperation in the field of health and medical sciences based on reciprocity and mutual benefit, with the aim of strengthening the systems health and contribute to the improvement of the health status of the people of the countries of both Parties. For this, specific agreements or conventions will be signed that determine the obligations of each party and other relevant aspects.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish an official framework for cooperation between the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Cuba in the field of medical science and health care, in accordance with the legislation and regulations of the two Parties and within the limits of their budgetary resources.

## **Article 2**

### **Areas of cooperation**

The two Parties have agreed to initiate their cooperation in the following fields:

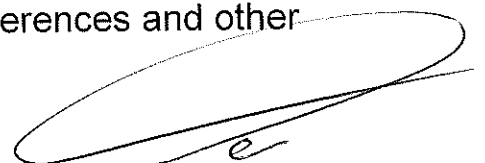
- Research and exchange of knowledge and best practices;
- Primary health care delivery systems;
- Pharmaceuticals and biotechnology;
- Non-communicable diseases in particular Cancer and Diabetes;
- Exchange of specialists;
- Professional training of health professionals including through participation in symposia; conferences, seminars and postgraduate training of medical graduates in specialized fields;
- Development of exchange actions on good experiences in confronting Covid-19 and preparing for the epidemic fight.
- Other mutually agreed forms of cooperation in the fields of healthcare and medical sciences.

## **Article 3**

### **Cooperation modalities**

This bilateral cooperation will be carried out through the following activities:

- exchanges of information and documentation;
- exchanges of consultations and experts;
- exchanges of experiences;
- participation in meetings, seminars, conferences and other



- activities on topics decided in advance by mutual agreement;
- training programmes and research projects;
  - any other method of cooperation as mutually agreed to by the Parties.

## **Article 4**

### **Workgroup**

To facilitate cooperation between the Parties, a Monitoring Committee shall be set up (hereinafter the Health Committee).

The Health Committee will be composed of four members (two for each Party) and will meet whenever necessary including by means of video conferencing arrangements, and will have the following duties:

- To ensure that the selected activities pursuant to this memorandum of understanding as mutually agreed to are implemented;
- To facilitate progress during the course of implementation; and
- To periodically evaluate the extent of cooperation between the Parties.

## **Article 5**

### **Forms of financing**

Each party will cover travel, health insurance and all other related expenses for the exchange of experts pursuant to this memorandum of understanding unless alternative means of financing are deemed appropriate and decided upon in advance for specific activities.



## **Article 6**

### **Confidentiality**

The Parties agree not to disclose or make public any information exchanged under this MOU when this information is not in the public domain.

If one of the Parties wishes to disclose confidential data and / or information as a result of future cooperative activities under this MoU to a third party, the disclosing Party must obtain the prior consent of the other Party before any disclosure.

The protection of intellectual property rights will apply only to agreements, programs or projects that result from the development of this MoU.

## **Article 7**

### **Modification**

The provisions of this memorandum may be modified anytime by mutual agreement of the Parties, through supplements that will be an integral and inseparable part of it.

## **Article 8**

### **Dispute settlement**

Any difference arising between the Parties due to the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved amicably between the Parties, through diplomatic channels.



## Article 9

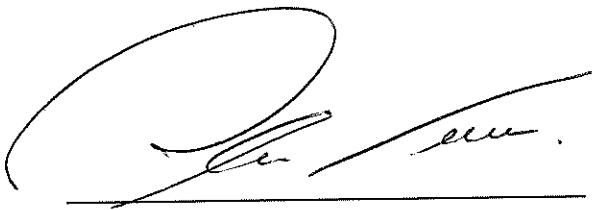
### Validity and termination

This memorandum of understanding will come into force from the date of its signature for a period of five (5) years and shall be automatically renewed for equal periods and by express declaration of the parties, unless one of the two Parties notifies the other Party, in writing and through diplomatic channels, of its intention not to renew it.

Termination will take effect six months after the date on which the notice of termination is received by the other Party, and will not affect the validity of activities that are in progress and have been previously agreed to under this memorandum of understanding.

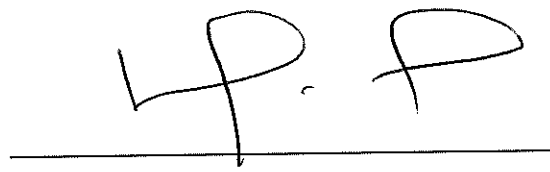
Signed on 22<sup>nd</sup> of May 2022, in four original copies, two in Spanish and two in English, all texts being equally authentic.

For The Ministry for Health  
of the Republic of Malta



Hon. Christopher Fearne  
Deputy Prime Minister and  
Minister for Health

For The Ministry of Public Health  
of the Republic of Cuba



Dr José Ángel Portal Miranda  
Minister of Public Health