

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**on**  
**Mutual Cooperation**  
**between**  
**the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta**  
**and**  
**the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India**

The Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta and the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of India (hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”).

Desiring to strengthen the existing friendly bilateral relations traditionally existing between the two countries;

Considering the need to develop and foster cooperation between the diplomatic institutions;

Have reached the following understanding:

**Article 1**

The objectives of the Memorandum of Understanding hereinafter referred as the “MOU” are to:

- (a) Provide a framework for cooperation in the areas of training programmes, information exchange, research activities, as well as the exchange of documents, studies and expertise. Such cooperation between the Parties will not be guided by commercial consideration.
- (b) Create conditions for maintaining regular contacts and cooperation between the diplomatic Institutes of the Parties;
- (c) Promote human resources development for the diplomats of both countries.

**Article 2**

The area of cooperation under the MOU may consist of:

- (a) Exchange of information on the curricula of diplomatic courses, training programs, seminars and other academic activities on issues of common interest;

- (b) Exchange of information in developing and introducing modern methods in training of specialists in areas of foreign policy, international relations, international law, foreign economic relations, political science and other relevant subjects.
- (c) Cooperate in areas related to methods of instructions and research and to consult each other on matters related to teaching of foreign languages.
- (d) Exchange of information on matters related to teaching techniques and scientific research along with the exchange of relevant literature, publications and experts.
- (e) Exchange of experts in mutually agreed areas to attend workshops, symposia and conferences. Exchange of officials or, where appropriate of students, to further study certain courses on topics of mutual interest such as foreign policies, political and economic systems, and cultural aspect of the other Party at the Party's diplomatic institutions.

### **Article 3**

The Parties will decide the specifics and logistics of every project they undertake together. For this purpose, a protocol laying down the financial terms and conditions of the proposed exchanges will be concluded, if necessary. In any case, the costs for the implementation of the MOU will be borne by the Parties in conformity with the respective national legislation.

### **Article 4**

- (a) This MOU is to be implemented in accordance to laws and regulations that are in effect in the countries of the parties signatories to this memorandum.
- (b) This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of three years. Thereafter, it may automatically be renewed for similar three-year periods at a time, unless terminated by either Party by giving a written notice of 90 days to the other Party prior to the termination of the current period of validity. The termination of this Memorandum shall not affect ongoing projects.

### **Article 5**

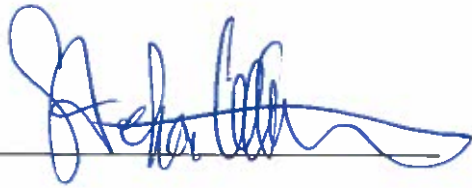
Any differences and disputes that may arise from the interpretation or implementation of the present MOU shall be settled amicably through direct mutual consultations between the Parties.

In witness whereof, the undersigned being duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Memorandum and affixed their signature.

Signed in Valletta on 17 September 2018 in two originals in English language.

**On behalf of the Mediterranean Academy of  
Diplomatic Studies, University of Malta**

**On behalf of the Foreign Service Institute,  
Ministry of External Affairs, Republic of  
India**



**Prof. Stephen Calleya  
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