



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

**AND**

**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

**CONCERNING POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS**

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The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda, hereinafter jointly referred to as the "Participants" and separately as "Participant";

AIM TO develop and strengthen the existing friendship between the two ministries in line with the intentions and principles of the UN Charter;

RECOGNIZING the need to expand the cooperation and the regular exchange of information, as well as the political dialogue on bilateral and international issues of regional and global nature,

**HAVE REACHED the following understanding:**

**Paragraph 1: Scope**

1. This Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the framework for political consultations between the Participants,
2. The Participants will have regular political consultations regarding issues related to their bilateral relationship, as well as international and regional issues of common interest.

**Paragraph 2: Objectives**

The consultations will focus on:

- a) The promotion of bilateral economic ties,
- b) The strengthening and deepening of bilateral cooperation with emphasis on issues of common interest, in particular: climate change, ICT, investment, financial infrastructure exchange of expertise, good governance and innovation,
- c) Issues of global and multilateral nature which are of common interest,
- d) Bilateral relations in the context of organizations such as the Commonwealth and the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie*,
- e) Consular relations,
- f) Other issues of common interest, as decided by the Participants.

**Paragraph 3: Frequency and Venues for Political Consultations**

1. The Participants will hold alternated consultations in the capitals of the two countries. The said consultations may also take place as side events in the context of international conferences which both Participants are attending,
2. The Participants may decide to hold consultations through their permanent representatives to the United Nations or to other international organization.



**Paragraph 4: Composition of Delegations**

The Participants will define the composition of the delegations and their respective levels, as well as the specific dates, venues and agendas for the consultations by mutual understanding and through the diplomatic channels.

**Paragraph 5: Expenses**

Each Participant will bear the ordinary expenses of the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation by covering costs related to its own delegation. If the implementation requires expenses of an extraordinary nature, the Participants will consult with one other in order to settle the arrangements under which such costs will be met.

**Paragraph 6: Language**

Any communication between the Participants under this Memorandum of Understanding will be made in English.

**Paragraph 7: Confidentiality**

The Participants will keep all information related to this Memorandum of Understanding confidential and will not, without the prior written consent of the other Participant hereto, divulge to any third party any documents, data, or other information furnished directly or indirectly by the other Participant hereto in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding, whether such information has been furnished prior to, during or following completion or termination of this Memorandum of Understanding save that in the public domain or in fulfilment of a legal obligation.

**Paragraph 8: Nature of Memorandum of Understanding**

The Participants acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is non-binding. Each Participant accepts that this Memorandum of Understanding does not create rights or commitments for the Participants under international law. The Participants intend to use their best efforts in good faith to work together to achieve the objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Paragraph 9: Settlement of Disputes**

Any divergence in the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding that may arise between the Participants will be settled by means of direct consultations and negotiations, through diplomatic channels. In the event that the dispute cannot be resolved amicably, either Participant will be at liberty to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding as per Paragraph 11 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

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**Paragraph 10: Revisions or Modifications**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be revised or modified by the mutual understanding of the Participants by exchange of notes through the diplomatic channels. Any accepted revision or modification will become effective on the date of receipt of the last notification between the Participants, and will form part of this Memorandum of Understanding.

**Paragraph 11: Termination**

Either Participant may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving the other Participant a written notice through diplomatic channels. Termination will take effect six (6) months after the date on which notice is received.

**Paragraph 12: Interpretation**

This Memorandum of Understanding will be interpreted and implemented in accordance with the national laws of each Participant.

**Paragraph 13: Term and effective period**

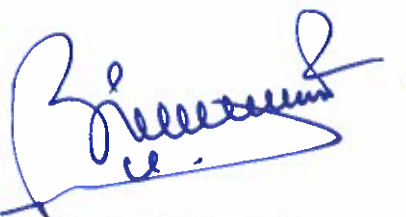
This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature by both participants and will be valid for a term of five (5) years, and be renewed automatically under the same terms unless terminated by either Participant as per Paragraph 11 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed in duplicate at New York on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021, in the English language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY FOR  
FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN  
AFFAIRS  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA**

  
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**Hon. Evarist Bartolo  
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**FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN  
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OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA**

  
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