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**Memorandum of Understanding  
on Bilateral Consultations  
between  
the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta  
and  
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman**

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the Sultanate of Oman (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties"),

Desiring to promote friendly relations and cooperation in the political, economic and other fields between the two countries,

Guided by the five principles of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and peaceful co-existence,

In light of the consultations and exchange of information on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest to the Parties will contribute to the deepening of mutual understanding,

Guided by the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

1. The Parties shall regularly hold consultative meetings headed by ministers, their deputies, heads of departments or at any other level agreed by the Parties to discuss modalities of expanding and deepening the cooperation for the development of bilateral relations as well as international issues of common interest.
2. The Parties may set up working groups or expert meetings on various issues in order to discuss specific areas of common interest.

## Article 2

1. The consultative meetings between the Parties shall be held once every two years, or more frequently as deemed necessary, alternately in Valletta and Muscat or between the Permanent Missions in the United Nations and its specialised agencies and other international organisations or at international conferences.
2. The Diplomatic Missions of the two countries stationed in third countries shall consult and exchange information on the issues of mutual interest.

## Article 3

Bilateral consultations shall include the following:-

- a. Issues concerning the organisation of cooperation in the political sphere;
- b. Issues on regional, inter-regional and international cooperation of common interest;
- c. Issues of common interest that are dealt with by international organisations of which both Parties are members.

In particular, bilateral consultations will focus on the situation in the Middle East region, the Gulf region, the Union for the Mediterranean and the dialogue between Europe and the Arab League.

## Article 4

The Parties shall agree on the participating delegations in the meetings, the specific dates, venue and agenda of the consultative meetings through diplomatic channels.

## Article 5

The outcome of the consultative meetings shall not be disclosed unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties.

Article 6

This Memorandum shall not prejudice obligations arising out of bilateral agreements concluded between the two countries.

Article 7

This Memorandum shall be implemented by the Parties in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in both countries.

Article 8

This Memorandum may be amended upon mutual consent of the Parties in writing.

Article 9

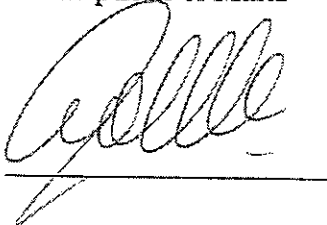
Any dispute arising in regards to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding will be resolved by friendly consultations between the Parties.

Article 10

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time, unless one of the parties notifies the other Party in writing of its intention to terminate it with three (3) months prior notice.

Done in Muscat on 29 Day 2014, corresponding to \_\_\_\_\_, in two original copies, in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

For the Government of  
the Republic of Malta



For the Government of  
the Sultanate of Oman

