



Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Government of Malta

and

The Government of the Palestinian National Authority

The Government of Malta and the Government of the Palestinian National Authority, referred hereinafter as the two Parties,

Desirous to strengthen the historical ties of friendship and co-operation between them for the benefit of their peoples and countries and for the realization of common objectives based on the principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Realizing that the strengthening of co-operation and understanding between them will contribute to enhance peace, security and stability in the Mediterranean basin in particular and international peace and security in general,

Consistent with Malta's political objective to promote dialogue, peace, stability and prosperity in the Mediterranean and the Middle East,

Have, in consonance with the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP), which aims to lay the foundations for a future Palestinian state and build its infrastructure and economy, and within the framework of the EU-PNA Action Plan which, among others, aims to strengthen institutions and further reinforce administrative capacity, and more specifically the task of providing support to the Palestinian people in implementing the national strategy for technical and vocational education and training through capacity building and human resource development,

Agreed on the following:

Article 1

The Maltese side will co-organise a training course, fully funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta, on "Preparation of conservation projects for the protection of the Palestinian-built heritage" in conjunction with ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) within their ATHAR Programme (Conservation of Cultural Heritage in the Arab Region) to be held in the Palestinian Territories during 2011.

Article 2

The training course aims to increase the basic knowledge of conservation architects, archaeologists, engineers, planners and heritage managers in the Palestinian Territories of the issues related to conservation of stone and mortar.

Article 3

The objective of this training course is to build the capacity of Palestinian professionals in heritage conservation planning by:

- introducing course participants to the key issues, principles, and diverse measures that serve the preservation of heritage sites;
- introducing participants to the theories, principles, and concepts for the conservation of heritage sites of national importance;
- introducing participants to the international charters, conventions and declarations;
- familiarising, and reviewing with, participants with traditional building materials and techniques in particular relation to stone and mortar in the Palestinian Territories;
- introducing the participants to basic techniques to better conserve traditional architecture.

Article 4

The training course will combine lectures, field visits, presentations and sample testing and preparation over a period of one week.

Article 5

The Maltese side has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Palestinian side and with ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property) to establish the general framework of the implementation of the present Memorandum.

Article 6

The Ministry of Tourism & Antiques of the Palestinian Authority, and Heritage Malta, under the auspices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta, will be responsible for the follow-up and implementation of this Agreement.

Article 7

This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force on the day it is signed by the two Parties.

Done and signed in _____, this _____ day of _____ of the year 2011.

For the Government of Malta



TONIO BORG
Deputy Prime Minister
and
Minister of Foreign Affairs

**For the Government of the
Palestinian National Authority**



KHOULOU DAIBES
Minister of Tourism
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