



Protocol of Cooperation

Between

The Government of the Republic of Malta

And

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia

in the area of the Seniors

The Government of the Republic of Malta on the one hand,

The Government of the Republic of Tunisia, on the other hand,

Referred to here after as the 'Two Parties'

For the purpose of strengthening the existing Convention of Cooperation between the two countries,

Considering the cooperation in relation to the area of the Seniors,

According to the Agreement of Cooperation signed between the Two Parties on 24 June 2010 in the area of the Seniors,

Seeking to enhance this agreement and to strengthen the relations of cooperation in the area mentioned above,

The Two Parties have agreed:

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Article 1

This Protocol defines the framework of cooperation between the Two Parties, in the area of the Seniors.

Article 2

The cooperation mentioned in Article 1 of the current Protocol of Cooperation applies to:

- Exchange knowledge and experiences in the areas of protection and care for Seniors persons;
- Strengthen the stakeholder's capacities for services for exchange of knowledge and experiences in the areas of protection and care for Seniors persons;
- Supporting policies and programmes that promote awareness, information and social mobility to advance the areas of protection and care for exchange of knowledge and experiences in the areas of protection and care for Seniors persons;
- Develop comprehensive legislative texts in the areas of protection and care for Seniors persons,
- Set up a joint training program for officials working in the areas of protection and care for Seniors persons;
- Carry out exchange visits between the two countries in order to familiarise with and share good practices in the areas of protection and care of Seniors persons.

Article 3

The Two Parties shall, depending on their existing budgets, make available the material and financial resources required for the implementation of the programmes and projects to be undertaken under this Protocol.

Article 4

The Two Parties shall develop, where required, partnerships with institutions in the public and private sectors, as well as Non-Governmental Organisations, to implement the activities agreed to under this Protocol.

Article 5

As for the articles of this Protocol, the Two Parties agree to establish a Joint Technical Committee for the promotion of services for the protection and care of Seniors persons, having the following as its main tasks:

- The coordination between the Governments of the two countries through diplomatic channels, the same used for establishing this Protocol;
- The preparation of an annual calendar of activities related to the implementation of the programmes and projects to be undertaken under this Protocol;
- Where necessary, to propose changes to the Protocol as well as to assist and support in the activation of part, or all, of the actions referred to in the articles above;
- To monitor and evaluate the progress being made on the implementation of the agreed programmes and projects.

The Committee shall be convened periodically, at least once yearly, in both countries to discuss any matters related to this Protocol.

Article 6

The costs related to the exchange visits at official and expert level, carried out within the framework of this Protocol, shall be covered by the sending authority in the respective party, in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations.

Article 7

Any disagreement on the interpretation and/or the application of this Protocol shall be resolved through established diplomatic channels as referred to above.

Article 8

This Protocol shall come into force on the date of its signature and shall be valid for three (3) years from the date of its entry into force. It shall be automatically renewed for the same period, unless terminated by either Contracting Party at any time by giving a written notice, through the diplomatic channels to the other Contracting Party. Termination shall be effective six (6) months after the date of such notice.

This Protocol can be modified by mutual consent of the two parties. Modification shall come into force according to the same procedures stipulated at the first paragraph of this Article.

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In witness there of the undersigned representatives, duly authorised by their respective Government, have signed this Protocol.

Done at Valletta, the 5th of February, 2019 in two original copies in the English language, both being equally authentic.

**For the Government of the
Republic of Malta**

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Republic of Tunisia**



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