



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE MINISTRY FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MALTA AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CUBA**

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Considering the bonds resulting from the well established relations between the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Cuba for the benefit of both peoples and countries and for the achievement of common objectives;

Aiming to promote dialogue and bilateral relations through the dialogue and mutual cooperation,

Aiming to contribute to the development of the relations between the Parties, in accordance with the objectives and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations adopted in 1961 and the Vienna Convention on the Consular Relations adopted in 1963, and with a view to contributing to reinforcing international peace and security and for the economic prosperity of both countries and of the global community in general;

Convinced that the holding of regular consultations and dialogue on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest shall contribute to the fostering of the relations between the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Cuba

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Parties shall establish a mechanism for regular bilateral consultations on issues related to the development of bilateral cooperation on political, economic, cultural, scientific, technical and humanitarian matters, with the purpose of developing the relations between the two countries.

During the consultations, the Parties shall exchange views on international, interregional and regional cooperation issues of common interest and may review their bilateral relations in the context of organizations of which both Parties are members.

The Parties may set up working groups or hold experts' meetings alternatively, to review specific issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 2

The composition, dates, venues and agenda of the consultations shall be defined by mutual agreement of both Parties, at least six (6) weeks in advance, through the diplomatic channels.

The Parties shall hold alternated consultations in the capitals of the two countries. Said consultations may take place in the context of international conferences which both parties are attending.

ARTICLE 3

The Parties undertake to establish and promote contacts between their respective diplomatic and consular missions with a view to exchanging opinions on issues of mutual interests.

The diplomatic missions of both countries to the United Nations and other international organizations, may hold meetings and consult each other, if need be, on issues of mutual interest.

ARTICLE 4

Either Party may request, in case it deems it necessary, the holding of extraordinary meetings.

ARTICLE 5

Each Party shall pay for the expenses related to the travels made by their officials.

ARTICLE 6

Any dispute arising from the interpretation or implementation of the present Memorandum of Understanding shall be resolved between the Parties through direct consultations or negotiations, through the diplomatic channels.

ARTICLE 7

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties through an exchange of notes through the diplomatic channels. Any agreed amendments shall enter into force immediately.

ARTICLE 8

The present Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain into force for a period of five (5) years. After that, it shall be automatically extended for same periods unless one of the Parties at any time notifies the other, through the diplomatic channels, six (6) months prior to expiration, of its intention to terminate it. Said termination shall become effective six months after the date the communication is received.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two original copies, in the English and Spanish languages, being both texts equally authentic.

Done in New York, on the 26th day of September, 2019.



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