

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between**

**The General Authority of Sports of the United Arab Emirates**

**and**

**The Ministry for Education, Sports, Youth, Research and**

**Innovation of the Republic of Malta**

**on**

**Cooperation in the field of Physical Culture and Sport**

**This Memorandum of Understanding is executed in Abu Dhabi on the 10 of April 2023 by and between:**

**(1) The General Authority of Sports of the United Arab Emirates**, address: Emirate of Dubai, P.O. Box: (1671), Dubai, Tel. (04-416 2222), being represented in signing this Memorandum of Understanding by H.E. Saeed Abdul Ghaffar Hussain, in his capacity as the Secretary General, (Hereinafter referred to as “First Party”)

**(2) The Ministry for Education, Sports, Youth, Research and Innovation of the Republic of Malta**, with official address of: Great Siege Road, Floriana VLT 2000, being represented in signing this Memorandum of Understanding by the Honourable Dr. Ian Borg, in his capacity as Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade,(Hereinafter referred to as “Second Party”)

**Whereas** development of cooperation in the fields of physical culture and sport as a means of strengthening friendship and developing mutual understanding between nationals of the two countries;

**Whereas** the aim of both countries is to achieve a greater collaboration and unity in the mainstreaming of sustainable development principles across all workings of Government whilst at the same time meet the established goals & targets of the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development;

**Whereas** the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to further realisation of these ideals and in the interests of economic, social and environmental achievements, there is a need of a closer cooperation to adopt sustainable and resilient pathways;

**Now and therefore**, The Ministry for Education, Sports, Youth, Research and Innovation of the Republic of Malta and the General Authority of Sports of the United Arab Emirates, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties, have come to the following understanding:

## **Article (1)**

### **Purpose of Memorandum**

The purpose of this Memorandum is to strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation in the field of physical culture and sport based on grounds of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

## **Article (2)**

### **Areas of cooperation**

The parties will encourage the exchange of programmes, experiences and information of mutual interest between sports organisations in both States, higher and elite sports organisations, education institutions, federations and other recognised sports structures of the States of the Parties in the following areas, including but not limited to:

- 1) Elite sports;
- 2) Mass sport/sport for all;
- 3) Sport for persons with disability;
- 4) Sport science;
- 5) Sports technologies and sports infrastructure;
- 6) Fight against doping and other negative manifestations in sport;
- 7) Sports management.

Upon mutual agreement of the Parties, the cooperation may be developed in other areas, as may be deemed necessary in the circumstances, since the list is not exclusive.

## **Article (3)**

### **Forms of Cooperation**

Cooperation within the framework of this Memorandum will include:

- 1) Courses, seminars, conferences, events and meetings
- 2) Sport development programs
- 3) Mutual support of the parties regarding their designated position in international organizations and forums;

- 4) Exchange of sports delegations and working visits.
- 5) Exchange of experiences, information and programs in the field of community sports

Exchanges of sport federations will be coordinated directly between federations.

#### **Article (4)**

##### **Exchange of information and documents**

Subject to the legal requirements of both States, the parties will exchange information and documents on matters related to research information in the field of physical education, mass sport, sport for children and young people, construction and maintenance of sport facilities and equipment, as well as in other fields of mutual interest.

#### **Article (5)**

##### **Monitoring Mechanisms**

For the purpose of implementing the objectives of this Memorandum the parties may, according to their abilities and competence, develop programmes on sports cooperation. The Parties will exchange proposals for the sake of cooperation, which will be taken into consideration upon managing and signing of programmes. The programmes coordinating process and their duration will be determined upon the mutual consent of the Parties.

#### **Article (6)**

##### **Financing**

All programmes of the events held for the purpose of this Memorandum will be coordinated by the Parties in advance, subject to the conditions relating to finance in each particular case. The implementation of this Memorandum will be subject to the availability of funds and resources of the Parties.

## **Article (7)**

### **Intellectual Property Rights**

1. Each Party shall ensure legal means for the protection of intellectual property rights of all materials obtained on the basis of this Memorandum, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in its state.
2. Intellectual property rights acquired or created as a result of joint activity will be allocated by mutually agreed conditions set out in separate Memorandums prior to commencing the joint activity.

## **Article (8)**

### **Disclosure of Confidential Information**

No Party shall transmit any valuable confidential information obtained in pursuance of this Memorandum to any third Party without prior written consent of the other Party.

## **Article (9)**

### **Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the application or interpretation of this Memorandum shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiation.

## **Article (10)**

### **Amendments**

1. This Memorandum may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.
2. Any such amendment shall form an integral part of this Memorandum. The amendments shall enter into force with the same procedures established in Article (11).

**Article (11)**

**Entry into Force**

1. This Memorandum shall enter into force on the date of signing and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of its entry into force, and thereafter it shall be automatically extended for successive periods of five (5) years each, unless terminated by either Party giving at least six (6) months prior notice, in writing, through diplomatic channels.

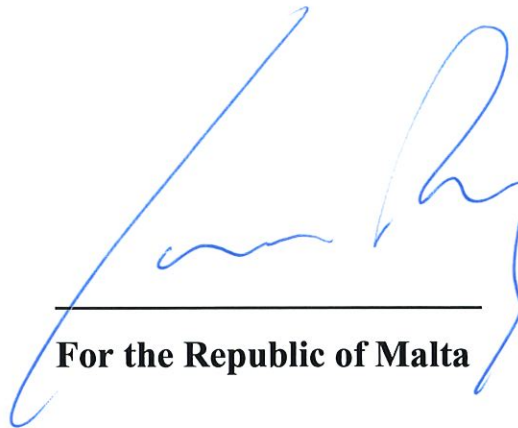
**Article (12)**

**Counterparts**

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed in two original counterparts – one in Arabic Language and the other in English Language, with each party having a copy to act accordingly.



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**For the United Arab Emirates**



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**For the Republic of Malta**