

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

between

the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Malta

and

the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan

The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants",

Desiring to strengthen and further deepening the partnership and expanding long-term cooperation between the States of the Participants,

Acknowledging the generally recognized principles and norms of the international law,

Recognizing the mutual benefit of holding political consultations between the Participants at various levels on matters of reciprocal interest in the bilateral relations as well as regional and international issues,

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

This MoU is aimed to provide a common framework to develop and further explore areas of cooperation between the Participants in the interest of their States.

The Participants intend to use their best efforts in good faith to work together to achieve the objectives of this MoU. This MoU is not legally binding and does not create any obligation under international law.

Paragraph 2

Within the framework of this MoU, the Participants will arrange regular consultations and exchange of views on all aspects of bilateral relations, as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest.

The consultations conducted by the Participants include, but are not limited to, the following areas: political relations, trade, investment, development cooperation, culture, science and education, environmental issues, international law dimension, consular issues, cooperation between the press services of the Participants, etc.

Consultations will be held alternately in the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Uzbekistan or, whenever necessary, in international organizations and forums.

The level of the participants, agenda, timeframes, and place of consultations will be decided by the Participants through the diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 3

The Participants will hold consultations to discuss issues of mutual interest, including in the margins of the United Nations and other international organizations as well as forums that the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Uzbekistan are parties to.

Paragraph 4

The Participants will look into establishing cooperation in the field of diplomatic training on thematic issues of common interest, by exchanging know-how and best practices, with a view to enhancing mutual knowledge and understanding of the work and policies of their respective diplomatic services.

Paragraph 5

By mutual consent, the Participants may sign programmes of cooperation on specific issues and establish a joint working group.

Paragraph 6

This MoU may be revised or modified at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants and through diplomatic channels. Any such revisions or modifications will come into effect in accordance with Paragraph 8.

Paragraph 7

Any divergence between the Participants with respect to the interpretation or implementation of this MoU will be settled amicably via consultations or negotiations between the Participants through diplomatic channels.

Paragraph 8

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature and will continue in effect unless terminated by either Participant giving at least ninety (90) days written notice.

Termination of this MoU will not affect the implementation of projects, programs and any other initiatives undertaken under this MoU that have not yet been fully implemented at the time of termination.

Signed in New York, on the <u>23</u> day of September 2024, in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally valid.

For the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of

European Affairs and Trade of of the Republic of Malta

For

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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