



## **Memorandum of Understanding**

**between**

**the Government of the Republic of Malta**

**and**

**the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria**

**in the Field of Health**

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties",

Considering the relationship of friendship and understanding that exists between Malta and Algeria;

Based on the mutual desire of the two Parties to expand their cooperation in the field of health;

Have agreed as follows:

### **Article 1**

1. The purpose of this Memorandum is to establish a legal framework for cooperation between Malta and Algeria in the field of health, in accordance with the legislation and regulations of the two Parties and within the limits of their budgetary resources.

### **Article 2**

2. The two Parties have agreed to expand their cooperation in the following fields:
  - Surveillance and combating of communicable diseases;
  - Combating the risk factors for non-communicable diseases;
  - Trade, quality control and good manufacturing practice in the area of pharmaceutical products;
  - Promoting the registration in Malta of pharmaceutical products manufactured in Algeria;
  - Collaboration between the respective authorities to facilitate trade and the movement of pharmaceutical products between the two countries;
  - Pharmacovigilance and toxicology;
  - Sending an Algerian expert to Malta to provide training in the field of toxicology;
  - Research into identifying infectious, parasitic and autoimmune diseases;
  - Development of a national programme for self-sufficiency in blood and its derivatives;

- Establishment of a hemovigilance system;
  - Constructing and managing joint hospitals in Algeria;
  - Developing and selecting planning tools;
  - Accreditation of healthcare establishments;
  - Hospital management;
  - Twinning between hospitals and between training institutions for hospital managers; and
  - Continuous training for healthcare professionals in the fields decided by the two countries, in accordance with the legislation of the host country.
3. Other topics and fields of cooperation may be developed by mutual agreement between the two Parties in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

### **Article 3**

This bilateral cooperation will be carried out through the following activities:

- Exchanges of information and documentation;
- Exchanges of consultations and experts;
- Exchanges of experiences;
- Participation in meetings, seminars, conferences and other activities on topics decided in advance by mutual agreement;
- Training programmes and research projects; and
- Any other method of cooperation decided by mutual agreement of the Parties.

### **Article 4**

The competent authorities empowered to implement this Memorandum of Understanding are:

- For the Republic of Malta: Ministry for Health
- For the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria: Ministry of Health, Population and Hospital Reform

### **Article 5**

To facilitate cooperation between the Parties, a Technical Monitoring Committee shall be set up (hereinafter referred to as the Health Committee).

The Health Committee shall be composed of four members (two for each Party) and will meet alternately in both countries, when necessary, including by videoconference, and will have the following duties:

- Choosing and prioritising activities in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding;
- Ensuring that the activities chosen in this Memorandum, agreed by mutual consent, are implemented;
- Overcoming difficulties that arise in the course of implementation; and
- Evaluating periodically, the scope of cooperation between the Parties.

## Article 6

Each Party shall cover its own travel, health insurance and all other related expenses for sending its experts including any accompanying delegation for the exchange of experts in accordance with this Memorandum of Understanding, except where alternative methods of funding are deemed appropriate, and where this is decided upon and agreed in advance by mutual agreement for specific activities.

## Article 7

Disputes concerning the interpretation or application of the provisions of this Memorandum shall be resolved amicably, by discussion between the two Parties, through diplomatic channels.

## Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the receipt of the last written notification through diplomatic channels by which the Parties notify each other of the completion of their internal legal procedures required for its entry into force. It is entered into force for a period of five (05) years and shall be tacitly renewed for similar periods, unless one of the two Parties notifies the other Party, in writing and through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate it.

Termination will take effect six (06) months after the date on which the notice of termination is received by the other Party, and will not affect the validity of activities that are in progress and have been previously agreed to under this Memorandum.

## Article 9

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties, through diplomatic channels, by a written amendment submitted for signature by the Parties. The amendment will come into force in accordance with the same procedures as are required for this Memorandum to come into force.

Done at Valletta on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018 in duplicate, in the Arabic, English, and French languages, all three versions being equally authentic.

In the event of any divergence in interpretation the English version will prevail.

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



**For the Government of the People's  
Democratic Republic of Algeria**

