



Memorandum of Understanding

between

the Government of the Republic of Malta

and

the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

in the Areas of Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine

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

- Desiring to establish cooperation in the phytosanitary protection and quarantine field in order to protect human health, plants and life, through controlling the spread of plant diseases and pests in their respective countries on the basis of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), revised in Rome in November 1997;
- Conscious of the importance to strengthen, expand and diversify trade between the two Parties on the basis of mutual interests;
- Recognising that the specific cooperation in this Memorandum of Understanding will be applied in accordance with the legislation on plant protection and plant quarantine, in force in the territories of the two Parties;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

Article 1 Definition

The terms in this Memorandum of Understanding are consistent with the definitions of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) revised in Rome in November 1997 and acceded by both Parties.

Article 2 Competent Authorities

The authorities responsible for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding are:

- For the Government of the Republic of Malta: Ministry for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change; and

- For the Government of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria: Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries.

Article 3 Areas of Cooperation

The two Parties shall cooperate in the fields of plant protection and plant quarantine and shall in particular work to protect plants in accordance with international standards for phytosanitary measures in order to prevent diseases and pests of plants on their territory through the exchange or transit of plants, products and regulated articles subject to the laws of both countries.

The Parties shall also cooperate in the following areas:

- Exchange of experience and technical knowledge in the field of plant protection and plant quarantine;
- Inter - laboratory cooperation in the field of diagnosis and control of phytosanitary substances, plant material and plant products;
- Strengthening technical capacities through training and capacities enhancement in the fields of phytosanitary substances, diagnostic techniques of harmful organisms and the techniques on models of phytosanitary systems.

Article 4 Development, Negotiation and Conclusion of Agreements

The two Parties shall in accordance to its competencies, facilitate and promote the negotiation and conclusion of agreements on phytosanitary conditions relating to the import, export and marketing of plants, plant products and regulated articles in accordance with their respective phytosanitary legislation.

Article 5 Exchange of Information

The two Parties shall exchange information on:

- The regulations and phytosanitary requirements in force in the territories of both Parties relating to the export, import and transit of plants or plant products;
- Changes by either Party to the lists of regulated harmful organisms pests and / or phytosanitary requirements;
- The appearance of any new harmful organism and measures taken in the affected area.

Article 6 Financial Costs

Each Party shall bear the travelling expenses of the delegations required to travel to the territory of the other Party in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the two countries.

Article 7 Dispute Settlement

Any dispute or disagreement that arise between the Parties under this Memorandum of Understanding; with respect to its interpretation, application or implementation shall be amicably settled by negotiation between the Parties through diplomatic channels.



The Parties may establish a joint commission to settle the disputes

**Article 8
Entry into Force**

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the last written notification through diplomatic channels by which one Party informs the other Party of the completion of the domestic legal procedures required for this purpose.

It shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years and will be renewed automatically for similar periods.

**Article 9
Amendments**

This Memorandum of Understanding may, if necessary, be amended by mutual consent of the Parties by exchange of letters through the diplomatic channel and the amendments will come into force in accordance with the procedures described in Article 8 above.

**Article 10
Termination**

Each Party may notify the other Party through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving a prior written notice of at least six (6) months, before the expiry of the period of its validity.

Termination of the Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the implementation of ongoing cooperative activities scheduled during the period of validity, unless the Parties agree otherwise.

Done at Valletta on 19th December 2018 in duplicate, in the Arabic, English and French languages, each of three texts 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**

