



**CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT**

**ON THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING  
AND ORGANISED CRIME**

The Government of the Republic of Malta and the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter referred to as "The Parties":

Recognising the friendly and historic ties between Malta and Egypt and desiring to promote these ties on constant and firm basis;

Looking forward to achieving joint co-operation in combating all forms of criminal acts, particularly drug trafficking, terrorist, transnational and organised crimes;

Being deeply concerned about the threat posed by the above mentioned crimes and acts to peace, stability and security;

Convinced that active measures should be taken to combat such crimes;

Considering the relevant international conventions;

Wishing to sign this Agreement for fighting the above mentioned crimes and acts;

Have agreed as follows:

## ARTICLE 1

The designated authorities for the implementation of this Agreement shall be the Ministry responsible for Home Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Interior of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

## ARTICLE 2

The Parties in the framework of this Agreement agree to co-operate within their own authority in the following areas:

### a) Terrorist Crimes

1. Exchanging information about activities and crimes of terrorist groups organisations, their inter-relationships, leadership, members, underground organisational structures, facades, locations, means of finance, methods of training and arms they use according to the internal laws and procedures of both Parties.
2. Exchanging information on various methods and techniques of anti-terrorist agencies.
3. Exchanging scientific and technological experience in the field of protection and security of sea, air and rail transportation with the aim of modernising security and protection measures at seaports, airports and railway stations so as to cope up with growing terrorist threats.

### b) Transnational and Organised Crimes

1. Exchanging information and data on transnational and organised crimes, their leadership, members, structures, activities and relations according to the internal laws and procedures of each Party.
2. Exchanging information and experience on modern methods and techniques about transnational organised crime combating agencies.
3. Exchanging information and data as well as taking joint measures to ensure the combating of crimes particularly vice offences, money smuggling and laundering, counterfeiting of documents, smuggling of antiquities and art objects, illegal marketing of vehicles, as well as

providing information on validity and legitimacy of investment establishments which bear the nationality of the two countries.

**c) Illicit production, trafficking and abuse of drugs and psychotropic substances**

1. Exchanging information and data on crimes of illicit production, trafficking and abuse of drugs and psychotropic substances and relevant criminal activities according to their own internal laws and procedures.

2. Exchanging information and experience pertaining to ways and techniques of combating drugs as well as modern systems used by combating agencies.

3. Giving mutual assistance in operational matters including employing investigative techniques like 'Controlled Delivery' as may be agreed between the two Parties in specific cases.

4. Exchanging literature on the control of drug abuse and texts of their laws and procedures on the subject, to the extent permitted by their national laws.

**ARTICLE 3**

The Parties agree to strengthen co-operation and assistance within the limits allowed by national legislation in tracing, identifying and carrying out surveillance of persons suspected of any of the above criminal activities.

**ARTICLE 4**

The Parties agree to take firm and effective procedures to prevent terrorist acts and transnational and organised crimes in all their forms or the use of their territories to plan, organise or execute such crimes including preventing terrorist or criminal elements from infiltrating or staying in their countries in groups or as individuals, or to obtain financial support or receive physical or military training.

## ARTICLE 5

The Parties agree to the exchange of experts and professionals and present experience and advice in the above mentioned fields so as to learn the most up-to-date methods applied in detecting, fighting and arresting criminals.

## ARTICLE 6

The Parties agree to the exchange of experience in the education and training of police specialists and technicians and to enhance co-operation between the police educational and training institutions.

## ARTICLE 7

The Parties agree to exchange publications, research papers and books related to the above mentioned fields and other security fields, and the participation in seminars and conferences held in these areas with a view to facilitate co-operation between the two countries.

## ARTICLE 8

Any assistance or co-operation under this agreement may be refused if a Party considers that extending such assistance or co-operation is likely to prejudice the sovereignty, security, *ordre public* or other essential interests of its country.

Any assistance or co-operation under this Agreement is only to be extended to the extent that it is within the limits allowed by the resources and national legislation of each Party and in accordance with the procedures laid down in that legislation.

## ARTICLE 9

The Parties will establish a bilateral committee for co-operation on combating terrorism, organised crime and the illicit trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

This bilateral committee shall be jointly chaired by the representatives of both Governments and shall be convened whenever the Parties deem it necessary to further enhance co-operation or to deal with any obstacle requiring high level consultations.

The Parties may convene joint meetings of senior officials at a mutually convenient place and date, in order to take stock of their joint activities and to identify the objectives and strategies to be pursued in the implementation of this Agreement.

Financial and material expenses for these meetings shall be borne by the receiving side. The expenditure on international travel shall be borne by the sending side.

## ARTICLE 10

Both Parties shall not disclose confidential information herein contracted unless authorised by the other Party.

Materials, information and advanced technical means and equipment provided on the basis of this Agreement cannot be transferred or loaned to a third Party unless with the consent of the donor.

## ARTICLE 11

For the implementation of this Agreement the two Parties shall contact each other directly or through the diplomatic channels.

## ARTICLE 12

This Agreement does not effect the implementation of other bilateral and multilateral agreements that bind both Parties.

## ARTICLE 13

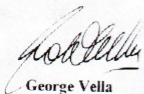
This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of exchange of notification that legal procedures have been completed. Either Party may denounce it and stop its effect by a written notification to the other Party three months in advance.

This Agreement can also be amended with the approval of both Parties according to rules in force.

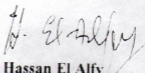
Done at Cairo on the 23rd day of February 1997, in two originals, in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of differences in interpretation, the English version will prevail.

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