



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ON COOPERATION BETWEEN**  
**THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE**  
**REPUBLIC OF MALTA**  
**AND**  
**THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE**  
**REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO**

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

DESIROUS to consolidate and further enhance the friendly relations between the two countries;

WILLING to develop and strengthen their bilateral relations based on common interests and mutual understanding;

MINDFUL of the relevance of regular consultations on bilateral relations and issues of common concern,

Have agreed as follows:

#### **Article 1**

The Parties shall hold regular consultations to examine all aspects of bilateral relations and to exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest.

#### **Article 2**

The consultations referred to in Article 1 shall take place alternatively in the Republic of Malta and in the Republic of Kosovo, with the Parties determining through diplomatic channels the agenda, the venue and the level of their representatives.

#### **Article 3**

The bilateral consultations, with the agreement of both Parties, shall cover economic, political, security, scientific, technological, cultural and other issues.

The consultations shall focus in particular on:

1. Bilateral issues related to political, economic and cultural cooperation and other issues of common interest or common concern;
2. Exchange of views on the international situation, global issues and international issues of mutual interest;
3. European issues related to the European Union, particularly Kosovo's EU perspective;
4. The regional dimension, in the context of the EU's Western Balkans policy of gradual stabilisation and integration.

#### **Article 4**

The diplomatic missions of the Signatories in third countries shall maintain contacts and consult one another, where necessary, on issues of mutual interest.

#### **Article 5**

Malta shall consider requests from Kosovo to assist in the training of public officials of Kosovo and stands ready to sharing its expertise and experience of European Union procedures with public officials of Kosovo.

#### **Article 6**

The Parties shall facilitate a sustained cooperation between diplomatic services covering, the areas of training and education. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Malta shall facilitate the participation of diplomats from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kosovo to undertake postgraduate training at the Mediterranean Academy for Diplomatic Studies.

#### **Article 7**

This Memorandum may be amended and supplemented upon mutual agreement of the Parties.

#### **Article 8**

In order to ensure effective bilateral cooperation, the Parties agree to explore areas where further agreements could be needed and to closely monitor the implementation of the existing agreements.

This Memorandum becomes effective on the date of its signing and remains in force for a period of three years. It may be automatically extended for further successive periods of two years, unless either Party notifies the other in writing, three months prior to an extension of a given period, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum.

Signed in *Vallite* on the ..... day of *12-12* ..... 2013  
in two originals, in the English language.



For the Ministry for Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Malta



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of the Republic of Kosovo