



**PROTOCOL ON COÖPERATION BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALTA AND THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia (hereafter referred to as "the Signatories"),

Desiring to consolidate the friendly relations and understanding that have traditionally existed between the two countries,

Desiring to develop and strengthen their bilateral relations based on common interests, mutual understanding, and non interference in the internal affairs of each other,

Mindful of the relevance of regular consultations to their bilateral relations and to international issues of common concern,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Signatories will hold consultations on regular basis to examine all aspects of their bilateral relations and to exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest concerning the possibility of taking joint initiatives.

Article 2

Bilateral consultations will, with the agreement of both Signatories, cover political, economic, scientific, technological, cultural and cooperation issues particularly within the context of Malta and Latvia's reciprocal membership in the European Union and in international fora.

Article 3

Consultations under terms of this Protocol on Cooperation will be held once a year or at the request of either Signatory in the respective capitals, or on the margins of an international conference at the levels of officials in charge of areas of bilateral relations in either country. The dates, place and agenda for these consultations will be set through diplomatic channels.

Article 4

The Signatories also agree to organise exchange of public officials from their respective administrations. These exchanges will be on a short-term basis and focus on areas identified under the Protocol. Such exchanges will be made once yearly or at the request of either Signatory and operated in a manner to be mutually established through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

This Protocol on Cooperation will become effective on the day of its signing and will remain effective unless either Signatory notifies the other in writing, with six (6) months notice period, of its intention to denounce it.

Signed in New York on 21 September 2006 in two originals in the English and Latvian languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of Malta



For the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs of the Republic of
Latvia