



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALTA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the two Parties),

Considering the friendly relations existing between the two countries,

Desirous to further develop and expand cooperation between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the two countries,

Reiterating the importance of enhanced consultations between the two Ministries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The two Parties shall intensify consultations on the expansion and development of bilateral relations as well as on regional and international issues of common interest. The consultations shall be conducted on a periodical basis under the principles of flexibility and effectiveness.

Article 2

The date and venue as well as the agenda of these consultations shall be determined by mutual agreement through normal diplomatic channels.

Article 3

The level of consultations between the two Parties shall be determined as necessary; consultations may be held at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the two countries or their personal Representatives, Vice Ministers or Assistant Ministers or Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, Directors, or Experts.

Article 4

The two Parties shall conduct consultations on the important issues listed on the agenda of international conferences in which the two countries participate.

Article 5

The Representatives of the two Parties accredited to the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, as well as to other International Organizations, will conduct consultations within the framework of the United Nations on issues of mutual interest to both countries.

Article 6

This Memorandum shall come into force on the date of signature.

Article 7

This Memorandum shall cease to be in force three months after the date of notification by either Party to terminate it in writing through diplomatic channels. Otherwise, the Memorandum shall remain in force indefinitely.

Article 8

Done in duplicate in Beijing on 2nd July 2001, in the English and Chinese languages, both texts being equally authentic.



For the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of
Malta



For the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
People's Republic of China