



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA  
AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE STATE OF KUWAIT  
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT  
COMMISSION FOR BILATERAL  
CO-OPERATION

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**The** Government of Malta and the Government of the State of Kuwait, (hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”);

**Desiring** to strengthen the friendly diplomatic relations existing between two countries;

**Recognizing** that constructive and continued dialogue on aspects of bilateral relations and other regional and global issues are useful and contribute to better mutual understanding, thus promoting closer relations between the two countries;

**Acknowledging** the benefits that may be derived from strengthening cooperation between both countries.

**HEREBY AGREES** as follows:

**Article 1**

**Scope**

The Parties shall establish a Joint Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") to facilitate consultation and co-operation between the Parties in the areas of mutual interest.

**Article 2**

**Composition of the Commission**

The Commission will be presided over by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of each Party or by their representatives and will be composed of experts of the two Parties in the political, economic, cultural, technical and scientific fields.

**Article 3**

**Mandate of Commission**

The Commission shall be entrusted with the following responsibilities :-

1. Consider ways and means to promote the objectives specified in Article 1 and to ensure the proper co-ordination and implementation of its decisions and / or recommendations;

2. Review progress in the implementation of all agreements and /or conventions signed between the two Parties and study and resolve any problems that may arise from their implementation;

3. Propose, negotiate and conclude agreements between their respective Governments;

4. Exchange views on matters of mutual concern as well as international co-operation.

#### **Article 4**

#### **Working Committees**

The Parties may establish additional Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups to deal with specific issues as determined by the Commission.

#### **Article 5**

#### **Communications**

All communications shall be conveyed through the established diplomatic channels of the two Parties.

**Article 6**  
**Consultative Meetings**

1- The Commission meetings will be held every two (2) years, alternately in Kuwait City or Valletta or an extraordinary session at the request of either of the Parties.

2- The date and agenda of sessions of the Commission shall be agreed upon by the Parties through diplomatic channels or upon proposals of the host country.

3- The Parties shall exchange working papers at least two months in advance of the date of the meeting.

4- Each meeting of the Commission shall be followed by agreed minutes and a final communiqué both signed by the heads of the delegation concerned and such final communiqué may be made available to the media unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

**Article 7**  
**Dispute Resolution**

Any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation and/or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably through consultations and negotiations through the established diplomatic channels.

**Article 8**  
**Amendments**

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual written consent of the Parties.

**Article 9**  
**Entry into operation, Duration and Termination**

The Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of the last written notification by which one Party informs the other about the completion of the internal legal procedures required for its entry into force.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years and automatically renew for a similar periods unless a written notice of intention to terminate is given by either party six (6) months prior to termination.

Done in Kuwait City on 13 April 2010, corresponding to 28 Rabi II 1431H, in two original copies, in English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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