



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF BILATERAL POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
AND THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL
INTEGRATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF GHANA**

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Considering the bonds resulting from the well established relations between the Republic of Malta and the Republic of Ghana for the benefit of both peoples and countries and for the achievement of common objectives;

Aiming to maintain and promote dialogue and bilateral relations on international issues of common interest, in accordance with the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, the norms and the principles of international law, with a view to contributing to reinforcing international peace and security and for the economic prosperity of both countries and of the global community in general;

Convinced that the holding of regular consultations and an exchange of views on bilateral, regional and international issues of common interest to the Parties shall contribute to fostering their mutual understanding;

Guided by the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

**Article (1)
Purpose**

By means of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana shall establish a mechanism for regular bilateral consultations at a diplomatic level so as to foster bilateral dialogue between the Parties.

Article (2)
Scope of the Memorandum of Understanding

1. The consultations to be held by the Parties will cover political, economic, cultural, technological and consular relations and other connected areas of common interest designated by the Parties in order to strengthen and develop bilateral cooperation relations.
2. During the consultations, the Parties shall exchange views on international, interregional and regional cooperation issues of common interest and may review their bilateral relations in the context of organizations of which both Parties are members.
3. Though this Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute an international agreement in formal terms, it is nevertheless a platform for mutual consultation to provide an excellent coordination of activities at a bilateral level.

Article (3)
Composition of Delegations

The Parties shall define the composition of the delegations and their respective levels, as well as the specific dates, venues and agendas of the consultations by mutual agreement and through the diplomatic channels.

Article (4)
Political Consultations

1. The Parties shall hold alternated consultations in the capitals of the two countries. Said consultations may take place in the context of international conferences which both parties are attending.
2. The Parties may decide to hold consultations through their permanent representatives to the United Nations or to other international organizations.

Article (5)
Settlement of Disputes

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties over the interpretation or implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding will be settled by means of direct consultations and negotiations, through the diplomatic channels.

Article (6)
Amendments

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties by an exchange of notes through the diplomatic channels. Any agreed amendments shall enter into force immediately.

Article (7)
Entry into force, Validity and Termination

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into effect on the date of its signature for a period of five (5) years. It is automatically prolonged for equal periods of time unless either Party notifies the other in writing by diplomatic channels six (6) months prior to the expiration that it wishes to terminate the Agreement.

Done in Accra, Republic of Ghana on the day of 26 July of 2017 in duplicate in the English language.

**FOR THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION
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MALTA**

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