



PROTOCOL ON COOPERATION

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE PROMOTION

OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA

AND

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia, hereinafter referred to as « the Parties »;

Desiring to contribute to the deepening and strengthening of the multifaceted relations and co-operation between the two countries;

Conscious of the usefulness of the regular consultations and exchanges between the two countries, at different levels, on bilateral relations and international matters of common interest;

Reaffirming their adherence to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

Have agreed upon the following:

Article 1

The parties shall hold regular consultations to review all aspects of their bilateral relations, and to exchange views on regional and international issues of mutual interest as well as on developments taking place in the regional and international arena, including the possibility of joint initiatives.

Article 2

The bilateral consultations, with the agreement of both Parties, shall cover economic, political, security, scientific, technological, cultural and other issues, particularly European Union 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, including the situation in the regions of the Mediterranean and of the Western Balkans, other global issues and international issues of mutual interest;
3. European issues related to the European Union, particularly Macedonia's EU accession process;
4. Multilateral issues of common interest on the basis of UN agendas and of agendas on the international and regional organisations in which both countries participate.

Article 3

Consultations within the framework of this Protocol will be held when need arises, alternatively in Valletta and Skopje at the level of Foreign Ministers or between the senior officials of the two Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

Level, dates, venue and agenda for the consultations shall be determined through diplomatic channels on the initiative of either Party.

Article 4

The diplomatic missions of the Parties in third countries, as well as representatives of the Parties attending international conferences and meetings shall, when appropriate, hold consultations on issues of mutual interest.

Article 5

During the consultations, the delegations may decide to establish working groups to discuss in detail certain subjects of their interest. Working groups will report the outcome of their deliberations to the competent authorities for consideration.

Article 6

The Parties shall facilitate and encourage co-operation and direct contacts between institutions of each country specializing in international relations, political, economic, scientific, cultural and other fields as well as a sustained cooperation between diplomatic services covering the areas of training and education.

Article 7

The provisions of this Protocol shall be without prejudice to any other treaties or agreements to which both countries are parties.

Article 8

The provisions of this Protocol may be modified and amended by mutual agreement in writing.

Article 9

The present Protocol shall enter into force on the date of its signature and shall remain in force for a period of five years. It shall be considered as automatically renewed for similar periods unless terminated by one of the Parties, after giving a three months' prior written notice.

Done at Valletta, on 29 May 2018, in two originals each in the English and Macedonian languages, both of them equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR
THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN
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