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**UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN  
AND NORTHERN IRELAND  
and  
MALTA**

**Exchange of letters constituting an agreement concerning the  
establishment of an English language resource centre in  
Valletta (with annex). Valletta, 11 August 1989**

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on 23 November 1990.*

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**ROYAUME-UNI DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE  
ET D'IRLANDE DU NORD  
et  
MALTE**

**Échange de lettres constituant un accord relatif à l'établisse-  
ment d'un centre d'enseignement de la langue anglaise à  
La Valette (avec annexe). La Valette, 11 août 1989**

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le 23 novembre 1990.*

EXCHANGE OF NOTES CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTRE IN VALLETTA

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*The United Kingdom High Commissioner at Valletta to the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta*

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION  
VALLETTA

11 August 1989

Your Excellency

With reference to the Agreement on the Development of Friendly Relations and Cooperation signed in Valletta on 15 March 1989 between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malta,<sup>2</sup> I have the honour to propose that the Government of the United Kingdom shall establish an English Language Resource Centre in Valletta on the terms and conditions set out in the attached Annex.

If the foregoing proposal is acceptable to the Government of Malta I have the honour to propose that this Note together with its Annex and Your Excellency's reply to that effect shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

B. HITCH

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 11 August 1989, the date of the note in reply, in accordance with the provisions of the said notes.

<sup>2</sup> See p. 187 of this volume.

## ANNEX

1. The British Council may establish jointly with the Ministry of Education an English Language Resource Centre to be known as the Ministry of Education/British Council English Language Resource Centre in Valletta which shall collaborate with the Department of Education and the University of Malta in the areas of course development, instructional materials, educational technology, examinations, planning and research, and in particular staff development including INSET.
2. The Centre will be run jointly by an English Language Adviser appointed by the British Council and an English Language senior official representing the Department of Education. Both officials will be jointly responsible to the Department of Education for matters pertaining to the Centre.
3. The Government of Malta shall:
  - (a) exempt each UK-based British Council officer from:
    - (i) personal social security payments including any that may be incurred by his family as dependants;
    - (ii) income tax or any other tax or charge payable under Maltese legislation, on or calculated in relation to emoluments paid to him by the British Council; or any other tax on the benefits of his employment;
  - (b) exempt from import or customs duty his or her family's personal or household effects whether new or used, imported into Malta in particular 1 motor vehicle, 1 radio, 1 television set, 1 record player, 1 tape recorder, 1 refrigerator, 1 home freezer and photographic equipment. If any such articles are disposed of in Malta, otherwise than to a person or organisation who or which, in the exercise of customs franchise privileges, is entitled to purchase such articles free of import or customs duty, such duty shall be payable at the rate required by the laws of Malta at the time of disposal. Any article imported for the personal use of a British Council Officer and his family may subsequently be re-exported without payment of any export duty;
  - (c) permit each British Council Officer to register one car in Malta without payment of first registration;
  - (d) allow each British Council Officer and his family the same exchange facilities (ie the right to remit money to their home country) as are allowed to officials of comparable rank forming part of a diplomatic mission;
  - (e) give each British Council Officer and his family the same repatriation facilities in times of national or international crisis as are provided for diplomatic missions;
  - (f) shall consider the UK-based British Council Officer as an exempt person in terms of Section 4 (e) of the Immigration Act 1970 in view of his status as an adviser; this exemption also applies to the members of his family;
  - (g) accord each British Council Officer immunity from suit and legal process in respect of things done or omitted to be done in the course of the performance of official duties.
4. The Government of Malta shall:
  - (a) exempt the British Council from:
    - (i) import or customs duty on all materials (including one motor vehicle) imported by the British Council for its official purposes in Malta;

- (ii) social security contributions or any similar payments required of the employer by the laws of Malta in respect of each UK-based British Council Officer;
  - (iii) income tax or any other tax or charge payable under Maltese Income Tax legislation.
- (b) meet any claim arising out of the performances of the duties by British Council Officers to the same extent that it meets similar claims against Malta Government Officers.
5. The Government of Malta shall provide for the British Council:  
rent free office space in premises identified at 89, Archbishop Street, Valletta including servicing and maintenance of the building and all the normal facilities thereof, to be ready for occupation by the beginning of the academic year 1989/90.

## II

*The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malta to the United Kingdom  
High Commissioner at Valletta*

Valletta  
11 August 1989

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of Your Excellency's letter dated 11th August, 1989 which reads as follows:

*[See note I]*

I have the honour to confirm that the terms and conditions set out in the Annex to your letter are acceptable to the Government of Malta and that Your Excellency's letter together with its Annex and this reply shall constitute an Agreement between the two Governments in this matter which shall enter into force today.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of highest consideration.

G. DE MARCO

*[Annex as under note I]*

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