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

**Agreement on the development of friendly relations and co-
operation. Signed at Valletta on 15 March 1989**

Authentic texts: English and Maltese.

*Registered by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
on 23 November 1990.*

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

**Accord relatif au développement de relations amicales et de la
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*Enregistré par le Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord
le 23 novembre 1990.*

AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND CO-OPERATION

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malta;

Desiring the reinforcement of the bonds of friendship between their two countries and the encouragement of security, social, economic, industrial, technological and technical co-operation to their mutual advantage;

Taking note of the existing collaboration between their respective Governments in these fields, and the wish expressed in the agreed statement issued after the meeting of the Maltese and British Prime Ministers on 15 September 1988 further to increase co-operation;

Have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Government of the United Kingdom and the Government of Malta shall encourage and develop co-operation to their mutual benefit in the fields of:

- (a) preventing and combatting international illicit activity in arms, drugs and terrorism, and developing the efficiency of agencies engaged in combatting such activities;
- (b) identifying specific areas in which the extension of co-operation is desirable, taking into particular consideration the study and implementation of projects of mutual interest, as well as the exchange of technological and technical information and experience.

ARTICLE 2

(1) Foreign Ministers of the two countries shall as necessary, encourage bilateral consultations with the aim of co-ordinating and enhancing the effectiveness of the co-operation provided by this Agreement.

(2) Under the joint supervision of the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, officials of their respective Ministries, supported as necessary by representatives of the other relevant Ministries, agencies and experts in the various sectors, shall meet periodically to discuss matters within the scope of this Agreement.

(3) Such meetings may be held at the request of either side.

¹ Came into force on 14 June 1989, the date of the last of the notifications by which the Contracting Parties informed each other of the completion of their respective requirements, in accordance with article 4 (1).

ARTICLE 3

The two Governments recognise that bilateral co-operation can flourish only on the basis of mutual respect for their democratic traditions, for their security and for their sovereignty. They shall co-operate within the limits of their Constitutions and work together for peace and stability in the spirit of their joint membership of the Council of Europe and of the Commonwealth and in accordance with Articles 33 and 52 of the Charter of the United Nations .

ARTICLE 4

(1) Each of the Contracting Parties shall notify the other in writing through the diplomatic channel of the completion of their respective requirements for the bringing into force of this Agreement. The Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications .

(2) It shall remain in force indefinitely. Either Government may at any time give notice in writing to the other Government of their decision to terminate the present Agreement. In such case, the Agreement shall terminate six months from the date on which one Government shall have given written notice of termination to the other.

In witness whereof the undersigned, duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

Done in duplicate at Valletta this Wednesday 15th day of March, 1989 in the English and Maltese languages, both texts being equally authoritative.

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

LYNDA CHALKER

For the Government
of Malta:

V. TABONE
