



FEDERATION OF AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES
SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM
KNIGHTS OF MALTA
Magisterial House

MAGISTERIAL DECREE 06 / 2018

**To all Dames and Knights, Brethren of
Our Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights of Malta
Federation of Autonomous Priories,
let it be known by the present letters that**

We, José, by the Grace of God Hereditary Regent and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus, Hereditary Grand Prior and Procurator General of the Grand Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Villedieu and, by the Will of Our fellow Knights, Prince Grand Master and Head of State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also said of the Knights Hospitallers or of Malta, in virtue of the powers bestowed upon Us, namely the by the Articles n° 1 and n° 2 of Chapter III and of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter;

Having considered the need of making clear to all the position of the Government of our Sovereign State regarding its eventual intervention or intermediation in the appointment of our Knights and Dames as Honorary Consuls of States with whom our Government has and maintains Diplomatic Relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 or Consular Relations in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963, in front of the Governments of other States;

After having consulted with the competent Governmental bodies in accordance with the Article 8th of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter;

Having had the above stated facts into consideration and in accordance with the Articles 1st, 2nd, 3rd and mainly the Article 4th of Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter,

We come to decree and We do decree:



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ARTICLE 1. The appointment of one of our Knights or Dames as Honorary Consul of one of the States with whom Our Government has and maintains Diplomatic or Consular Relations, in front of the Government of another State can occur in the framework of one of the following situations:

- a) When the Government of our Sovereign Order and State receives from the Government of a State with whom it maintains Diplomatic or Consular Relations, a formal request of assistance for finding a suitable Honorary Consul in a specific country;
- b) When one of our Knights or Dames in good standing, expresses to the Magisterial House his/hers interest in becoming, in front of a certain State, the Honorary Consul of a State with whom our Government maintains Diplomatic or Consular Relations and he/she formally requests the intervention of our Government to attain this objective.

ARTICLE 2. In the case laid down in paragraph a) of the previous Article, the intervention and services of our Government in finding a Knight or Dame with the adequate profile required for the good performance of the Consular duties, must be considered as an act of co-operation between States and no economic, financial or other type of payments or compensations whatsoever can take place under no circumstances.

ARTICLE 3. In the case laid down in paragraph b) of the Article 1, the intervention and services of our Government in finding, by request of one of our Knights or Dames, a State interested in having him/her as its Honorary Consul in another State, must be considered as a service rendered to a Knight or Dame in Good Standing, therefore and no economic, financial or other type of payments or compensations whatsoever can take place under no circumstances.

- a) In the case described in this Article it is normal, possible and probable that our Government will be forced to incur in certain expenses such as Travel, Accommodation, Transportation, Meals, compensation for the time spent and other similar expenses related with this request, which, in this case, must be disbursed - in advance - by the candidate by the means of a deposit in our State Account of an amount estimated for the foreseen expenses, having in view that in certain cases more than one attempts may be required and no positive outcome can be guaranteed in advance.
- b) The expenses mentioned in the previous Paragraph are only to pay the real costs, not to make any sort of profit or benefice on such a noble mission.






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ARTICLE 4. Any Knight or Dame of our Sovereign Order and State who infringes or contravenes any of the provisions of the present Decree will be subjected to the appropriate sanctions provided for by our Constitutional Letter.

ARTICLE 5. The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.

This decree, was given in three (3) pages, at Our Magisterial House in Malta, city of Zejtun, Città Beland, on this 23rd day of the month of April of the year of our Lord 2018 and to it We have hereunto set Our hand and the seals in use at this House .



**His Most Eminent Highness José, PRINCE
GRAND MASTER and HEAD OF STATE**