



SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM
KNIGHTS OF MALTA
FEDERATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES

Magisterial House

MAGISTERIAL DECREE 17 / 2019

**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 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, and also as President of the Board of Directors and CEO of Femeraid International,

considering that the Hospitaller work is the fundamental and historical mission of Our Sovereign Order and of our State;

Considering that Our institution dedicated to provide Medical Care and Humanitarian Assistance to the needy and to critical patients, called FEMERAID INTERNATIONAL, is in a constant process of evolution and of fast growth;

Considering that, at international level, the private Ambulance Services and the Services of Transportation of patients need to have standardized procedures and an exempt Quality Evaluation institution which can grant ranks and quality levels based on international quality standards, and considering also that the training of the ambulance crews must be of first quality and not limited to basic training courses;

Considering also that the activity of the private Ambulance Services and the Services of Transportation of Patients is extremely important and may save many lives, and that our Femeraid International can contribute to this;

Considering that our Femeraid International can give a positive contribution for the above mentioned services and also to the public and State services of many countries, but also make donations of used ambulances to countries and regions in need;

In accordance with the Paragraph b) of the Article n° 4 of Our Magisterial Decree n° 13/2009 which states that : “ ARTICLE 4. Femeraid Units according to their ownership will be defined as follows:

b) Private Units - These units are owned by private persons - knights and non-knights -, companies or associations, and they can join Femeraid International as " Members " by the means of an agreement signed between Femeraid International and the person, company or association who owns the unit. " ;

After consulting Our Prime Minister and Lieutenant General, as well as other members of Our Government, in accordance with the terms of Our Constitutional Letter;

having had all the above stated facts in consideration,

We come to decree and We do decree:

ARTICLE 1. Femeraid International accepts and appoints as its Member Units the Emergency Malta, Ambulance and Patient Transportation Service.

ARTICLE 2. The above-mentioned unit is presently, and will remain in the future, a Private and Autonomous Institution in the Femeraid International structure, therefore an agreement will be signed by both parts in due time, as required by the Paragraph b) of the Article n° 4 of the Magisterial Decree n° 13/2009, nevertheless the appointment of this institution as full right Femeraid International Units, is valid and fully effective from the present day onwards.

ARTICLE 3. By the present Decree We create in the structure of Femeraid International a new Department dependent and reporting directly and solely to the Femeraid International Board of Directors called

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and the member Unit aforementioned in Article 1 of the present Magisterial Decree will integrate this new service of which it will be part, from the present date on.

ARTICLE 4. The new Femeraid International Unit and the new Femeraid Department for International Ambulance Service, its staff and vehicles will be entitled to use the logos and all the other symbols of Femeraid International and is expected to act in accordance with the high standards of quality and the procedures as regulated and stipulated by Our aforementioned Magisterial Decree n° 13/2009.

ARTICLE 5. By the present Decree We come to appoint

**H.M.E.H. PRINCE JOSÉ COSMELLI, PRESIDENT OF FEMERAID
INTERNATIONAL**

as

PRESIDENT OF FEMERAID INTERNATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

**H.G. SIR GEORGE POPPER, VICE PRESIDENT OF FEMERAID
INTERNATIONAL**

as

**VICE-PRESIDENT OF FEMERAID INTERNATIONAL AMBULANCE
SERVICE**



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**SIR KEVIN MARTIN GAUCI, FOUNDER AND CO-OWNER OF
EMERGENCY MALTA AMBULANCE SERVICE**

as

**OPERATIONAL DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF FEMERAID
INTERNATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE**

and

SIR DR. NUNO GONÇALO M. S. VEIGA COSMELLI

as

**MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF FEMERAID INTERNATIONAL AMBULANCE
SERVICE**

ARTICLE 6. The new Department of Femeraid International aforementioned in the present Decree must be registered not only as a KMFAP State institution, but also as a NGO in the country of residence of the majority of its directors, in accordance with and fulfilling the requirements of the legislation of that country.

ARTICLE 7. The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.

This decree, was given in three pages, at Our Magisterial House in Zejtun, Città Beland, Malta this 27th day of the month of September of the year of our Lord 2019 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