

## AGREED MINUTES

Delegations representing the Governments of Finland and Malta met in Valletta on the 22nd and 23rd May 1989 to study for the first time cooperation in the cultural scientific and educational fields that could be undertaken between the two countries.

The Finnish delegation wished especially to identify areas of cooperation that could be implemented without any undue difficulty.

After an exchange of views the following areas of cooperation, and activities were identified:-

- (i) encouraging the setting up of voluntary citizens' Friendship Societies with the aim of fostering an awareness of each country's cultural heritage, identity and opportunities;
- (ii) exchange of journalists to report on the various aspects of life in each other's country. The Finnish delegation, in fact, conveyed an invitation for a Maltese journalist to visit Finland in the course of this year, expenses to be borne by the Finnish Government;
- (iii) encouraging direct contacts and cooperation between Universities of the two countries;
- (iv) the two delegations considered favourably proposals to hold exhibitions in each of the countries portraying cultural aspects of those countries. Since there are no resident diplomatic missions in the two countries, the delegations were prepared to cover the expenses of board and lodging of the stay of officials who would be responsible for supervising the mounting and dismantling of such exhibitions;
- (v) the possible participation of a Finnish musical ensemble or other performing group in a future Malta Arts Festival was also considered;
- (vi) exchange of films portraying life in the respective countries with the aim of showing on the television stations of the two countries;

The two delegations also studied the possibility of Maltese

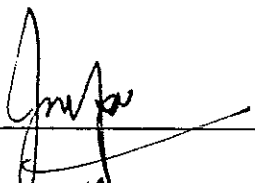
students following courses of specialization at Finnish Universities.

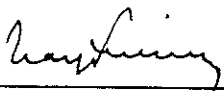
All necessary details concerning the implementation of the above proposals would be worked out through diplomatic channels.

It was agreed that the foregoing constituted a <sup>beginning</sup> for further future cultural and educational cooperation between the two countries.

Finally, the Finnish side invited a delegation to visit Helsinki in 1990 to study further programmes of activities for the following years.

Signed at Valletta, Malta, on the 23rd May 1989 in two originals in the English Language.

  
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