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12 February 2008

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**On the establishment of Diplomatic Relations
Between Malta and Afghanistan**

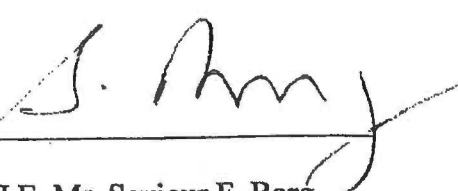
In order to develop their relations on the basis of principles of mutual respect for sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, and the peaceful settlement of disputes; desirous of strengthening the existing relations between their governments and peoples, and promoting and intensifying their cooperation in the political, social, economic and cultural fields in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961.

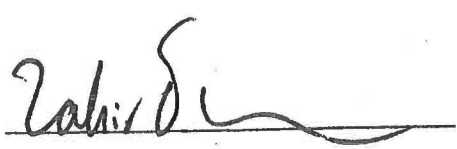
The Government of Malta and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at the Ambassadorial level as of the date of the signing of this Protocol.

Done in New York, on 8 February 2008, in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of Malta

For the Government of the Islamic
Republic of Afghanistan


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8th February 2008

Excellency,

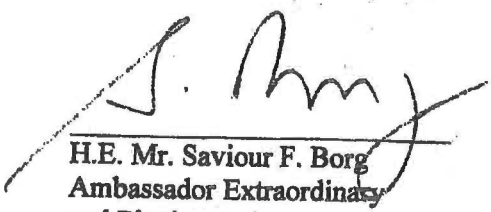
We have the honour to inform you that the Government of Malta and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan have established diplomatic relations as of today. Attached is a Joint Communiqué we have signed on behalf of our respective Governments to this effect.

We kindly request Your Excellency to have the text of this letter and the Joint Communiqué be circulated as a United Nations document.

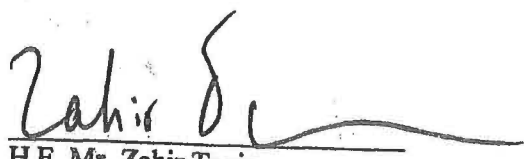
Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

For the Government of Malta

For the Government of
the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



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