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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE
STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Letter dated 25 June 1981 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to refer to the attached declaration by the Government of the Republic of Malta concerning the neutrality of Malta. This declaration was approved at a meeting of the Cabinet held in Valletta on 14 May 1981 and published in the Malta Government Gazette on 15 May 1981 and is provided for by the "Exchange of notes constituting an agreement between Italy and Malta on the neutrality of Malta, with an attached Protocol on financial, economic and technical assistance" signed in Valletta and Rome on 15 September 1980 and which entered into force upon the exchange of instruments of ratification in Rome on 8 May 1981. This agreement was filed for registration with the United Nations Secretariat according to Article 102, paragraph 1, of the United Nations Charter by joint request of Malta and Italy on 25 June 1981.

In this regard, I have the honour to request that the attached declaration be circulated as a General Assembly document under item 58 of the preliminary list.

I also have the honour to draw your special attention to paragraph 3 of the attached Declaration, which reads as follows:

"3. Expresses its hope that, with the concurrence of the Government of the Republic of Malta, neighbouring Mediterranean States will make like declarations welcoming the present Declaration and giving such undertakings as may be appropriate. The Government of the Republic of Malta will inform each of such States of the Declarations made by other States."

(Signed) E. C. FARRUGIA
Acting Permanent Representative

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At a meeting of the Cabinet held at Castille on the 14th day of May, 1981, Ministers approved a Declaration concerning Malta's neutrality and directed that it be published in the Government Gazette. The declaration is the following:—

**DECLARATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
CONCERNING THE NEUTRALITY OF MALTA**

The Government of the Republic of Malta

Faithful to the decision of the People of the Republic of Malta to eliminate all foreign military bases after March 31, 1979 and to contribute to peace and stability in the Mediterranean region by changing their country's unnatural role of a fortress into a centre of peace and a bridge of friendship between the Peoples of Europe and of North Africa;

Conscious of the special contribution the Republic of Malta can make towards that end by assuming a status of neutrality strictly founded on the principles of non-alignment;

Aware of the support which neighbouring European and Arab Mediterranean States will give to Malta's new role and to such a status of neutrality;

1. Solemnly declares that the Republic of Malta is a neutral state actively pursuing peace, security and social progress among all nations by adhering to a policy of non alignment and refusing to participate in any military alliance;

2. Affirms that such a status will, in particular, imply that:

(a) no foreign military base will be permitted on Maltese territory;

(b) no military facilities in Malta will be allowed to be used by any foreign forces except at the request of the Government of Malta, and only in the following cases:

(i) in the exercise of the inherent right of self-defence in the event of any armed violation of the area over which the Republic of Malta has sovereignty, or in pursuance of measures or actions decided by the Security Council of the United Nations; or

(ii) whenever there exists a threat to the sovereignty, independence, neutrality, unity or territorial integrity of the Republic of Malta;

but the Government of Malta will immediately inform the neighbouring Mediterranean States which have made like Declarations welcoming the present Declaration and giving appropriate undertakings, of the steps taken under this paragraph;

(c) except as aforesaid, no other facilities in Malta will be allowed to be used in such manner or extent as will amount to the presence in Malta of a concentration of foreign forces;

(d) except as aforesaid, no foreign military personnel will be allowed on Maltese territory, other than military personnel performing, or assisting in the performance of, civil works or activities, and other than a reasonable number of military technical personnel assisting in the defence of the Republic of Malta;

(e) the shipyards of the Republic of Malta will be used for civil commercial purposes, but may also be used, within reasonable limits of time and quantity, for the repair of military vessels which have been put in a state of non-combat or for the construction of vessels; and in accordance with the principles of non-alignment the said shipyards will be denied to the military vessels of the two superpowers;

3. Expresses its hope that, with the concurrence of the Government of the Republic of Malta, neighbouring Mediterranean States will make like declarations welcoming the present Declaration and giving such undertakings as may be appropriate. The Government of the Republic of Malta will inform each of such States of the Declarations made by other States.
