MEMORANDUM TO THE CABINET BY THE MINISTER OF COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Amendment of the Fees Ordinance (Cap.58)

The Fees Ordinance empowers Malta's Consular and Diplomatic Officers abroad to charge fees in a Government Department or Office.

With the appointment of Honorary Consuls for Malta abroad, (an Hon. Consul for Malta in Paris has just been appointed), fees under the Ordinance may have to be collected in places other than Government Departments or Offices.

It is therefore necessary, in order that Honorary Consuls may be able to charge such fees in their own offices, that the Fees Ordinance (Cap.58) should be further amended as indicated in the attached draft Bill.

Hon. Members are invited to approve the attacked draft Bill with a view to its being passed through all its stages in the House of Representatives at an early date.

31st March, 1967.

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AN ACT further to amend the Fees Ordinance, Cap.58

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

- This act may be cited as the Fees (amendment) ct, 1967, and shall be read and construed as one with the Fees Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".
- In subsection (1) of section 2 of the principal law, immediately after the word "in such De artment or office" there shall be inserted the words "or on behalf thereof".

Objects and Reasons

The object of this Bill is to empower any officer representing abroad the interests of the Government of Malta to charge any fees prescribed under the Fees Ordinance.