

MEMORANDUM ON A CULTURAL AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN
MALTA AND LIBYA

During his recent visit to Libya the Minister of Labour, Employment and Welfare negotiated and signed a Cultural Agreement between Malta and Libya.

The Agreement which is based on the pattern of a similar Agreement signed between Malta and Italy does not commit the Government to any expenditure but gives broad hints to the educational and cultural possibilities that Malta can offer to Libya. These possibilities can provide quite a good amount of revenue to Malta.

The Agreement, naturally, covers a very wide field which includes cultural, information, scientific, educational, Tourism and sports organizations and 'inter alia' covers the following possibilities :-

- a) Exchange of Professors, teachers and research workers.
- b) Exchange of scientific instruments, books and visual media.
- c) Training of technicians, apprentices and students.
- d) Exchange of specialists in Archaeology.
- e) Exchange of Art exhibitions, Theatrical, musical performances and folkloristic groups.
- f) Collaboration in the production and exchange of cinematographic and Television films as well as collaboration in the field of Radio and Television.

In order to ensure the desired continuity and obtain effective and practical results the Agreement provides for the setting up of a Mixed Commission again on the same pattern of the Agreement signed with Italy.

The closing clauses of the Agreement provide the necessary safeguards to the laws and regulations in the respective countries.

The Cabinet is now being asked to ratify the Agreement so that it may become operative as soon as possible. This would enable the Mixed Commission to meet as early as possible to consider practical suggestions and projects by both parties.