

Meeting No 10 of 1971

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Arrogens
Valletta on Tuesday 2nd March, 1971

Present:

The Prime Minister and Minister of Commonwealth
and Foreign Affairs

The Minister of Finance, Customs and Post

The Minister of Public Building and Works

The Minister of Justice and Parliamentary Affairs

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Agriculture

The Minister of Health

The Minister of Education, Culture & Tourism

The Minister of Harbour, Employment & Welfare

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OPM/127/71

Resolution on the Agreement establishing an Association
between the European Economic Community and Malta

The following Resolution passed by the
European Parliament in its Session of the
9th March, 1971 was brought to the notice of
Ministers :-

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the texts establishing
an association between the EEC and
Malta (Doc. 214/70)

- having regard to the report of the
Political Affairs Committee and the
Opinion of the Committee on External

Trade Relations (Doc. 257/70)

- conscious of the importance both for Malta and for the Community of the signing of the Association Agreement between the EEC and Malta:

1. Welcomes this move towards more active trade relations and, in a wider context, towards closer political links between the EEC and a Mediterranean State belonging to the geographical area of Europe;
2. Draws attention to the political and institutional criteria for membership of, or association with, the Community laid down by the European Parliament in the Report by Mr Burkhardt (Doc. 122/61);
3. Regards this Agreement as a first step towards Malta's ultimate membership of the Community;
4. Stresses the need to establish organic parliamentary links between the Community and Malta;
5. In the light of the above remarks, approves the terms of the Association of the Agreement signed between the EEC and Malta;
6. Invites its President to forward this Resolution to the Maltese Parliament, the Parliament of the Member States of the Community, the

Malta Government and the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

OPN/510/71

Complaint by the Director of Audit

The letter at Ref 6A in OPN 510/71 by the Director of Audit complaining about certain comments made in the House of Representatives on the Auditor's annual report was brought to the attention of Ministers.

OPN/315/67/II

Defence Arrangements.

The Prime Minister informed Ministers that the British High Commissioner had approached the Malta Government with a proposal to maintain the present strength of the British armed forces in Malta up to 1972. At the request of the Malta Government the British Authorities agreed that the civilian employment position of the Services will be frozen until the reduction programme has been reviewed in consequence of the retention of a defence unit in Malta.

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OPN/44/57/II

Airfares

Ministers discussed Memo No. 170K and confirmed their decision of the 25th January 1971.

DPN/1524/62

U.K. Contribution towards the cost of Services and Facilities provided at the F.I.C.

Ministers considered Memo 1397 and decided that the British High Commission be informed that:

- a) It is the wish of the Government of Malta to enter into an agreement on the payment to be made by the U.K. Government to the Government of Malta in respect of the military use of the Services and facilities of the Flight Information Centre at Luqa;
- b) that the arrangements would be identical in substance to those operative until 31st March 1970; and
- c) the Agreement would be effective as from 1st April 1970 and would remain in force for so long as the current arrangements governing the installation and maintenance of facilities and services at or connected with Luqa Airfield which are jointly used by or for the purposes of both civilian and military aircraft continue to hold good.

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Chartered Flights

Ministers discussed the question of Chartered Flights and decided to ask the Administrative Secretary to inform the Dutch Authorities that the Malta Government welcomes the introduction of chartered flights between Holland and Malta.

OPM/927/70

Public Examinations

Ministers considered the Report by the Board of Inquiry into the leakage of Examination papers and agreed that:

- a) The Minister of Education, Culture and Tourism lays on the Table of the House a copy of the Report by the Board of Inquiry;
- b) the examinations be held in the mornings at 10.30 a.m. in both Malta and Gozo, if papers can be prepared in time to allow for a person (a member of the Examinations Branch or a Dispatch Rider from the Malta Police) to proceed to Malta and hand the papers to the Gozo representative who will be waiting for the papers at the Malta end; and

c) the other suggestions made by the Board of Inquiry be adopted as and when circumstances permit.

Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet .