

MEMORANDUMSubject

Request of the Government of Malta to the United Nations Special Fund for assistance in the preparation of engineering and feasibility studies and a construction and investment programme for wastes disposal and water supply in Malta.

1. Attached is a copy of the above mentioned request from the Government of Malta to the United Nations Special Fund.
2. This proposed Special Fund Project covers:
  - engineering and feasibility studies for the rehabilitation and future development of wastes disposal and water supply in Malta;
  - Studies and proposal of a phased programme for construction and investment;
  - Advice on certain legal, managerial and financial aspects related to works disposal and water supply. A full description of the project is contained on pages 48 to 52 of the request.
3. The purpose of these studies:
  - to provide the Government with all technical and financial data required for final design and implementation of the proposed facilities.

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- to prepare a "bankable" project which can be used in negotiations for financing.

4. The total costs of these studies are U.S. \$ 1339970 which cost is distributed as follows:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>First Year</u>	<u>Second Year</u>	<u>Third Year</u>
Special Fund Contribution	726,000			
Less Government cash Contribution	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Net Special Fund Contribution	651,000			
Government Contribution in kind	613,970			
Plus Government cash Contribution	75,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
	688,970			
Total Cost	1339,970			

Full budgeting details are contained in the two Annexes of the request.

5. It is hoped that the United Nations Special Fund will approve this request during the meeting of their Governing Council in January 1966. This will require submission of the request by middle of September, 1965.

Project commencement will then be in Spring 1966.

31<sup>st</sup> August, 1965.

Press Statement made by  
the Hon. Minister of Works and Housing on  
1st September, 1965.

Sewage and Refuse Reclamation and Water  
Supply Study

The need of the proper disposal of sewage and refuse has engaged the attention of successive Governments for number of years. The nuisance and the health risk of sewage flowing into the sea, mainly near and into the harbours, as also the uncontrolled dumping of refuse causing smoke and smell nuisance to residents of surrounding towns and villages, had during the last years reached such proportions that the present Government considered that this should be one of the priority subjects to be solved in the national interest.

A solution of this problem would not only eliminate the nuisance already mentioned but it would result in the reclamation of purified effluent for irrigation and/or industry and the production of much needed compost for fertilization of the soil.

As soon as this Administration took over, it pressed forward in earnest the request to the United Nations for a full and deep study of the problem.

The World Health Organisation, acting for the United Nations Technical Assistance Board, sent over Professor Popel to Malta in 1963, and again 1964 - when he was accompanied by an assistant, Dr. Croche - to make preliminary investigations of the problems.

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During these investigations it was discovered that serious water losses were being sustained particularly through the water distribution system. This was mainly due to the heavy bombing of the Island during the war.

In his preliminary report, Professor Popel drew conclusions to the effect that the reclamation of sewage and refuse could be a viable proposition which would help to solve an environmental health and social problem and in great measure ensure the success of the economic development plans of these Islands. The Consultant strongly suggested that the assistance of the United Nations Special Fund be sought for a wastes reclamation and water supply feasibility and engineering study.

Professor Popel is in Malta once more to provide all the technical details to enable the Malta Government to submit a formal request to the United Nations Special Fund for technical and financial assistance for this study to be undertaken. It is expected that the application will be submitted to the United Nations Special Fund during this month, and it is hoped that it will be accepted for the eventual physical implementation of the project.

Malta will of course contribute its share towards this project which is of direct interest to the Ministries responsible for public works, health, agriculture and water supply.

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For the execution of the project it has been decided that the Ministry of Works and Housing should be the responsible Government agency.

The Government is thankful to the United Nations and the World Health Organisation and particularly to Professor Popel for the help given for this very important project.