

Memorandum to Cabinet presented  
by the Minister of Commonwealth and  
Foreign Affairs

Convention for the Pacific Settlement  
of International Disputes concluded at  
the Hague on October 18th, 1907.

The purpose of this Convention is to promote the pacific settlement of disputes through an undertaking given by Contracting States not to resort to arms before they have used their best efforts to settle the dispute amicably through good Offices and Mediation and through the establishment of a Permanent Court of Arbitration.

2. This Convention amends a similar Convention concluded at the Hague on July 29th, 1899. This latter Convention had been extended to Malta by the United Kingdom Government before independence and has since been confirmed. By virtue of such confirmation Malta became a Party to the First Hague Convention of 29th July, 1899 and consequently a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration established by the same Convention.

3. Notwithstanding the above Malta is also free to accede to the Convention of 1907 and an invitation to do so has been received from the Government of the Netherlands which is the depositary Government of both Conventions.

4. The Crown Advocate-General informs that there is no legal objection to Malta acceding to the Hague Convention of 1907.

5. Hon. Ministers are requested to agree that Malta should become a Party also to the Hague Convention of 1907.

21st February, 1968.

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L-Arkivj Nazzjonali ta' Malta