



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

MISSION LETTER FOR THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE SOVEREIGN ORDER OF MALTA
TO MONITOR AND COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

Introduction

The double nature of the Sovereign Order of Malta as a religious lay-order and a sovereign subject of international law is at the basis of its diplomatic activity, focused on promotion of ethical and spiritual values, and charitable works in the medical, sanitary and humanitarian fields, or emergency situations.

The recognition of its status as a subject of international law by more than 100 States allow it to pursue its mission under favorable conditions, both within the framework of its bilateral relations as vis-à-vis international institutions.

In nearly a thousand years of dedicated service in favor of all those in need, regardless of race or religion, the Order of Malta has earned international, outstanding respect and esteem. At present it operates through 12 Pories, 47 national Associations, 133 diplomatic missions, 1 worldwide relief agency and 33 national relief corps, as well as numerous hospitals, medical centers and specialist foundations in about 120 countries.

The Order continues to promote human dignity and to use its international status and diplomatic network to provide support in implementing humanitarian aid and to promote a sense of solidarity between nations, dialogue and mutual understanding among parties, and therefore a world of peace.

Role and Responsibilities

The appointment as Ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta to monitor and combat trafficking in persons represents an important and challenging commitment and entails the following aspects.

The main tasks are:

to submit ideas and proposals to contribute to the strategy of the Grand Magistry to combat trafficking in persons;

to establish and enhance official contacts and fruitful cooperation with authorities and experts of countries, governments, religious authorities, international organizations, NGOs, research, academic and religious institutions who are in charge of and/or have experience and expertise in human trafficking;

to periodically report to the Grand Magistry about these themes;

to attend, on behalf of and in agreement with the Grand Magistry, the bilateral meetings and international events on these themes.

For the accomplishment of his mandate the Ambassador will establish a friendly, fruitful and synergetic cooperation with the diplomatic Missions of the Order as well as with other Ambassadors of the Order.

The Ambassador is under the direction of the Grand Chancellor and therefore subject to the authority and guidance of the Grand Chancellor and his staff. The Ambassador will duly seek instruction whenever necessary to fulfill his mission in the best interest of the Order.

- i. The Ambassador will keep the Grand Chancellor regularly informed about his activities
- ii. The Diplomatic service of the Order is based on the personal engagement of members of the Order - or other distinguished persons who have the requisites to become a member - who accept to put their experience at the service of the Order and to devote part of their time and means to its external representation and do not expect any remuneration.
- iii. The Ambassador is personally and exclusively responsible for any commitment of legal, financial or other nature linked to his mission (administration, representation, travel etc.) and covers the relevant costs of any commitment or activities carried out during his mandate as Ambassador, unless otherwise agreed with and authorized in writing by the Grand Chancellor.
- iv. The Ambassador cannot make any commitment on behalf of the Order neither of legal nor financial or other nature (contracts, agreements, financial engagements, etc.) unless explicitly discussed with and authorized in writing by the Grand Chancellor.
- v. The Ambassador must be perfectly aware of the history and activities of the Order, as well as the customs and rules of modern diplomacy and will keep himself regularly informed.
- vi. The Ambassador will use moderation and caution in all acts and declarations both officially as well as in private as these will be understood as reflecting the position of the government of the Order.
- vii. Diplomats are instructed to make moderate and reasonable use of allowed diplomatic privileges and, without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, to respect the local legislation, rules, regulations, and customs.
- viii. All documents and information produced or received in the capacity as Ambassador pertain to the Grand Magistracy and are no personal property. Furthermore, the Ambassador will ensure proper archiving of any relevant document and information.
- ix. Upon termination of his function, the Ambassador will ensure a proper hand-over according to the instructions received by the Grand Magistracy, including any activities carried out or initiated during his mandate, all relevant contacts, and all the necessary support documents. Moreover, the Ambassador will confirm in writing that there are no outstanding liabilities upon termination of his mission.
- x. Appointment and recall of diplomatic representatives pertain to the Grand Master, on the recommendation of the Grand Chancellor after having heard the Sovereign Council. In principle, appointments of diplomatic representatives are for four years and may be renewed for additional four-year terms unless otherwise decided (Code Art 154, par 5. and 6).

Declaration

I herewith confirm that I am pleased and honored to accept the nomination to be appointed as Ambassador of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta to monitor and combat trafficking in persons.

By accepting the nomination, I engage in the responsibility and commit to contributing to the further enhancement of the mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta and to protect its moral principles according to my best abilities.

I confirm to have read and understood the content of the *Diplomatic Manual of the Order of Malta*, the present *Mission Letter* as well as any other relevant material indicated to me and herewith accept all the responsibilities deriving therefrom, notably regarding any financial obligations as pointed out under above point vi.

Rome, the 20th of July 2017

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