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### *Signing of the lease extension agreement between Malta and the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace, and MoUs*

On the margins of the Conference on ‘Building Tolerance and Peace Despite Current Challenges: MENA and Europe’ and under the auspices of the Speaker of the Parliament of Malta, Dr Anglu Farrugia, the President of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (GCTP), Ahmed Al Jarwan, and Dr Ian Borg, Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, signed the extension agreement between Malta and the Council. The extension agreement reflects the solid cooperation that exists between the Council, the Government, and the Parliament of Malta in the promotion of dialogue and understanding.

In parallel, the GCTP signed two MoUs with Malawi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The primary objective of these MOUs is to set up a cooperation framework and joint action in the areas of tolerance and peace. They will also sustain a partnership aimed at promoting initiatives and organizing events that support peace, tolerance, and dialogue.

The GCTP was launched in Malta in November 2017 during an official ceremony at the joint invitation of the United Nations Population Fund, the Government of Malta, and the Global Council.