

**Individual Partnership Programme
of
Malta
for
Partnership for Peace (PfP)
for
2008-2009**

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On 3 April 2008, Malta re-activated her membership in Partnership for Peace. Following on from the promulgation of Malta's updated Presentation Document, Malta hereby elaborates its 2nd Individual Partnership Programme under Partnership for Peace which will cover the period up to 31 December 2009.

This 2nd Individual Partnership Program takes into consideration Malta's membership of the European Union and the desire to be fully engaged in the field of European Security and Defence Policy. It is also influenced by the changing international and regional security situation and the changing nature of the security threats and challenges faced. Due consideration was also given to the enhanced operational capabilities acquired by the Armed Forces of Malta since the 1st Individual Partnership Programme was presented over a decade ago.

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Malta's participation in the Partnership for Peace Programme will be in full respect of the country's policy of neutrality and shall provide another opportunity to contribute towards international and regional peace and stability as well as collective security. Malta also reiterates that it has no intent to become member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The Armed Forces of Malta consists of a Headquarters and five major units; three land Regiments, an Airwing and a Maritime Squadron. The Malta Armed Forces Act, 1970, provides the executive authority over the Armed Forces, to include all executive and administrative powers in relation to the same Force. The act also gives the power to delegate command and authority vested in the President of Malta, to the democratically elected Government. The Prime Minister retains defence matters in his portfolio. Military Command is delegated to Commander Armed Force of Malta.

The Individual Partnership Program (IPP) for Malta is a national statement agreed with North Atlantic Treaty Organisation that describes the practical level of activities that Malta plans to offer or participate in under the Partnership for Peace Program to fulfil the priorities identified in the updated Malta Presentation Document.

AREAS OF CO-OPERATION

Malta's priority areas for her co-operation with partner countries in Partnership for Peace are as follows:

Defence Planning and Budgeting and Transparency in Defence

Building upon the OSCE measures on defence planning, Malta will exchange information on the steps that taken to promote transparency in defence planning and budgeting.

Democratic Control of the Armed Forces

Malta will also contribute to the fostering of the democratic control of the armed forces internationally.

Peace Support Operations

Malta wishes to continue developing and improving her ability to contribute towards international peace and stability. Malta is prepared to participate in training courses and exercises that offer the opportunity to the Armed Forces of Malta to acquire the required operational capabilities as well as interoperability that is necessary for any eventual participation in peace support operations under the authority of the United Nations or the Organisation for Security & Co-operation in Europe.

Malta reaffirms that any participation in peace support operations such as humanitarian and rescue operations will be a Maltese sovereign decision, taking in consideration existing national policies and conditions associated with such participation. The participation in peace enforcement operations is hereby excluded.

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Search and Rescue at Sea

Malta wishes to enhance its maritime search and rescue operational capabilities and to contribute towards achieving further inter-operability in the field of military search and rescue operations at sea. This will be done by participating in training courses and exercises as well as seminars that identify best practices and common procedures in this field. An enhancement of the national search and rescue capabilities will make Malta better prepared to save lives at sea particularly due to the migrants at sea phenomenon Malta is presently facing in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea.

Anti & Counter-Terrorism

Malta wishes to improve her national anti and counter – terrorism capability by participating in appropriate training, education and exercising opportunities and exchanges in this field. This will ensure that Malta is better prepared to prevent, contain and deal with any such act that may arise. Malta will also be considering her participation in the Partnership Action Plan Against Terrorism in future.

Arms Control

Malta is interested in furthering its capabilities in the field of arms control to be better placed to contribute towards such activities that serve as conflict prevention and confidence building measures. This will be done by participating in training, education and exercising opportunities in this field.

Civil-Military Co-ordination in the fields of civil protection, dealing with pollution at sea, maritime law enforcement and air space management.

Malta would like to enhance the civil-military coordination amongst others in the fields of civil protection, dealing with pollution at sea, maritime law enforcement and air space management. This will be done by participating in training, education and exercising opportunities in this field.

Planning and Review Process

Malta may in future develop with the other subscribing states a planning and review process to provide a basis for identifying and evaluating select national elements (not more than one infantry company) of the Armed Forces of Malta which could provide capabilities that might be made available for multinational training, exercises, and operations in conjunction with Partner Forces and in accordance with the national policies on the matter. The participation of the Armed Forces of Malta in any collective defence or peace enforcement operation is hereby excluded.

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The Armed Forces of Malta will provide the bulk of the national resources allocated to participate in Partnership for Peace activities recalling that such participation is voluntary and through the principle of self-differentiation subject to the sovereign decision of each individual partner. Malta's active participation in Partnership for Peace will be in full respect of Malta's neutrality and will not involve the deployment of resources in any activities focusing on collective defence or peace enforcement operations. Malta intends to offer the following military resources for its active participation in Partnership for Peace activities:

- a. Selected Officers, Non Commissioned Officers and Troops,
- b. C (Special Duties) Company, 1st Regiment AFM,
- c. Elements of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Divers Troop, 3rd Regiment AFM,
- d. Elements of the Engineer Squadron, 3rd Regiment, AFM,
- e. Limited Air and Maritime Assets, on a case by case basis.

TRAINING FACILITIES

The Armed Forces of Malta Military Search and Rescue Training Centre is a training facility that will be offered for use for Partnership for Peace activities. Malta intends to organise training courses/seminars in the field of maritime search and rescue that will be open to participation by partner countries.

The following civilian facilities may also be used for select Partnership for Peace activities offered by Malta:

- a. International Maritime Law Institute,
- b. Mediterranean Academy for Diplomatic Studies,
- c. University of Malta.

Short courses in the field of international maritime law, diplomatic and security studies as well as Arabic language and culture will be offered to partner countries.