



*The Ambassador
of the Russian Federation*

San Gwann, March 3, 2015

**The Honourable
Dr. Luciano Busuttil**

Chairman of the Foreign and
European Affairs Committee,
Parliament of the Republic of Malta

Dear Dr. Busuttil,

Please find enclosed a letter from Mr. Konstantin Kosachev on the occasion of his recent appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

Sincerely yours,

Vladimir Malygin

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Chairman of the Foreign and
European Affairs Committee,
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Dear Mr. Busuttil,

I would like to hereby inform you that on December 25, 2014 I was elected Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Council of the Federation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

This was preceded by three years of my work as head of the Russian Federal Agency responsible for international humanitarian cooperation and development assistance. For 12 years before that I was a member of the State Duma, the lower house of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, where during two convocations I chaired the Committee on Foreign Affairs, taking an active part in activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, Interparliamentary Assembly of Member Nations of the CIS, Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and last but not the least PACE, where from 2004 to 2011 I had the honour to head the delegation of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

I am convinced that the interparliamentary dialogue is to contribute to direct communication and mutual understanding between politicians, public figures and civil societies of respective countries in general. I consider this matter to be particularly topical, taking into account challenges and new threats to the international security, socio-economic stability and fundamental human rights, especially against the backdrop of recent alarming events in various regions of the world.

I am confident that parliamentarians of different countries can achieve more together rather than separately - both when they voice united positions and when they do not totally agree with each other. Eventually dialogue is necessary to explain to each other our concerns, eliminate misunderstandings and find mutually acceptable solutions, which subsequently need to be translated into activities of both legislative and executive branches of power.

On behalf of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Council of the Federation I propose to take additional joint efforts to promote our dialogue. We would be glad to receive a delegation of your Committee in Russia at a time convenient to you or to pay a visit to your country, as well as to use any other opportunities for interparliamentary communication.

Looking forward to your reply,

With best wishes,

Chairman

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K.Kosachev