



SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM
KNIGHTS OF MALTA
FEDERATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES

Magisterial House

EXCERPT AND DETAIL OF THE MAGISTERIAL DECREE 11 / 2019

**To all Dames and Knights, Brethren of
Our Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem
Knights of Malta
Federation of Autonomous Priories,
let it be known by the present letters that**

We, Jose, by the Grace of God Hereditary Regent and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus, Hereditary Prior Procurator General of the Grand Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Villedieu and by the Will of Our fellow Knights Grand Master and Head of State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also said of the Knights of Malta, in virtue of the Constitutional powers bestowed upon Us, and

having considered the need of renewal of the structure of the Government of Our State, in order to make it correspond better to the present needs and tasks of The Federation, to improve its efficiency and to enlarge its Humanitarian Work;

also considering the competence, high moral principles and exemplary humanitarian values of the Knights and Dames appointed hereinafter by the present Decree, all of them well known and very dear to Us, as well as their excelent personal and professional reputation and their work in favor of dialogue, development and cooperation ;

Having consulted the Governmental bodies of the Federation and, having had all the above stated facts in consideration, de " Motu Proprio " and, in accordance with the Articles nr.º 2 , nr.º 3, nr.º 7 and nrº 8 of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter,

We come to decree and We do decree:

ARTICLE 1. On this day and by the present Decree the existing Government of The Federation ceases functions and is dissolved.

ARTICLE 2. The new Government of The Federation, created by the present Decree, will have the following composition and structure:

- a) President of the Ministerial Council .
- b) Vice President of the Ministerial Council and Prime Minister.
- c) Ministers of State.
- d) Ministers of the different portfolios.
- e) Other ranks equivalent to Minister.



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- f) State Secretaries to assist the different Ministers in specific portfolios.
- g) Other ranks equivalent to State Secretary.
- h) Deputy Ministers to assist the different Ministers in specific tasks of their portfolios, by delegation of the respective Minister.
- i) Other ranks equivalent to Deputy Minister.

ARTICLE 3. The concept of Secretary of State is of a member of the Government, who assist a Minister, in specific matters or portfolios due to their qualified skills and in accordance with tasks assigned to them.

ARTICLE 4. The Concept of Deputy Minister is of a member of the Government who assists a Minister by delegation of ministerial competences, to perform specif tasks and duties on the Minister's behalf.

ARTICLE 5. The following is the new structure, and respective appointments, of the Government of the State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem, also known as the Knights of Malta:

MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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ARTICLE 6. The members of the new Government appointed by the present Decree start their functions on this date, since the present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on, being all the Governmental previous appointments considered as null and void.

This decree, was given on seven (7) pages, at Our Grand Magisterial House in Zejtun, Città Beland, Malta, on this 26th day of the month of February of the year of our Lord 2019 and to it We have hereunto set Our hand and the seals in use at this House.

His Most Eminent Highness Prince José Cosmelli, Grand Collar
GRAND MASTER AND HEAD OF THE STATE