



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

*Magisterial House*

**MAGISTERIAL DECREE 07 / 2020**

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

considering that our Sovereign Order has, since 1994, Diplomatic Relations established with the Republic of Congo in accordance with the Vienna convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961;

Considering the interest of Our Sovereign Order in resuming its Humanitarian Work and its mission of contributing to the Development of the peoples and of the Nations, in the Republic of Congo and to help and assist this country and its Government;

Considering that the competence, high moral principles and exemplary humanitarian values of the Person appointed hereinafter by the present Decree gives Us the assurance that he will perform his mission in a competent, honourable and fruitful way serving at the same time both the interests of Our Sovereign Order and State and of the Republic of Congo ;

having had all the above stated facts in consideration and, in accordance with all the Articles of Chapter II and the Articles nr.º 2 and nr.º 3 and nrº 8 of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter,

**We come to decree and We do decree:**

**ARTICLE 1.** By the present Decree We come to appoint

*Prof. Henri Nsika*

as Our

**SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC ENVOY TO THE REPUBLIC OF  
CONGO**



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with the specific task of performing all the necessary arrangements and procedures and of holding the necessary talks with the Congolese authorities in order to reopen our Embassy in that country.

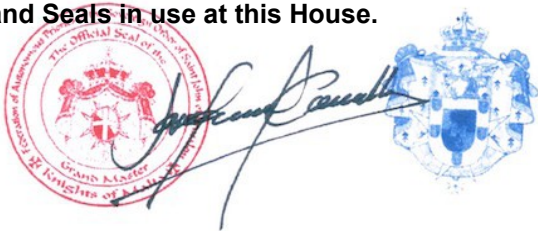
**ARTICLE 2.** It is Our intention to subsequently appoint Prof. Henri Nzika, American Citizen of Congolese origin and well-known benefactor of the Congolese people, as Our Ambassador Extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the Republic of Congo, by asking to the Congolese Foreign Affairs Ministry for their respective “agreement“

**ARTICLE 3.** The present Decree cancels all the previous appointments for the same position and Our Special Diplomatic Envoy will be performing all his duties reporting directly and exclusively to the Grand Master as the Head of the State and of the Government, to the Prime Minister and to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Our Government.

**ARTICLE 4.** The above-appointed Special Diplomatic Envoy starts his functions on this date and his accreditation for the Ambassadorial position aforementioned will be formally requested to the Congolese Government in due time.

**ARTICLE 5.** The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.

This decree, was given in two pages at Our Magisterial House in Malta, in the city of Zejtun “ Città Belland “, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the month of July of the year of our Lord 2020 and to it We affix Our Hand and Seals in use at this House.



**His Most Eminent Highness José, Prince**  
GRAND MASTER and HEAD OF STATE