

✓ Sitting No. 39/66.

Chairman Meeting held at the Auberge -
d'Oran, Valletta, on Tuesday, 18th October,
1966. at 11 am.

Presents: The Hon. Prime Minister
The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
& Post.
The Hon. Minister of Public Building
& Works.
The Hon. Minister of Justice and
Public Relations.
The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
& Agriculture.
The Hon. Minister of Health.
The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture & Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Labour,
Employment & Welfare.

The minutes of meetings
Nos. 36 to 38/66 were read and confirmed.

OPIN. 436/66.

European Convention for the Peaceful
Settlement of Disputes (Demo. No. 549).

Hon. Ministers considered
Memorandum No. 549 and agreed that
Malta should adhere to the above
Convention as regards Chapter I (with
reservations) and Chapter II, and that a
declaration should be made to the effect

That Malta would not be bound by Chapter III relating to arbitration.

OPM. 395/66.

General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe
(Memo. No. 573)

The Cabinet considered the above General Agreement and the Protocols mentioned in Memorandum No. 573. It was agreed that Malta should sign this Agreement without making any reservation with regard to article 21.

OPM. 512/66

Convention on the Taxation of Road Vehicles for Private Use in International Traffic
(Memo. No. 623)

Hon. Ministers considered Memorandum No. 623 and agreed that Malta should accede to the above Convention.

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OPM. 503/66.

Salary Negotiations with the Medical Association of Malta (Memo. No. 668)

(Mr. E. Cuschieri, Administrative Secretary, was in attendance)

The Cabinet considered the submissions contained in Memorandum No. 668. Further consideration of this matter was left to the next meeting of the Cabinet. By then the Hon. Minister of Health and the Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment

and. Belfiore would have obtained from the Administrative Secretary clarification on certain points raised in the Memorandum.

OPM 887/64.

8th September

The attention of Hon. Ministers was drawn to Minute (52) in file. It was confirmed that it was the intention of the Government to retain the 8th September of each year as the commemoration day of the Great Siege of 1565 and of the Siege of the years 1941-1943.

The remarks made by the Amen Advocate General in his Minute 52 (b) were agreed to.

It was the wish of the Government that the appeal to the public be made in the National language, viz. the Maltese language.

OPM 1286/66
(Lard 464/66)

Grant to Hotels of Encroachments on the Foreshore.

Hon. Ministers discussed the question of the grant to Hotels of encroachments on the foreshore for the purpose of providing private beaches. It was felt that the time had come for the Government to establish a policy regarding the grant to Hotels of exclusive rights over tracts of foreshore. It was agreed that such concessions should be given very sparingly and that they

should invariably be related to the number of beds in the hotel. However, they should not be made to interrupt in any way the free passage along the foreshore by the public.

Confirmation of written opinion.

The files mentioned hereunder were circulated to Hon. Ministers whose written opinion was as follows:-

OPM. 230/57. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to approve alterations in the Ship Register Book in respect of two vessels registered in Malta.

OPM. 366/62. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to approve that section 38 of the Immigration (British Subjects) Ordinance 1948 should continue in force until the 15th March, 1967.

Land 354/66. H.E. the Governor-General was advised to sign Declaration for the acquisition of land at Zebrug, Malta, required by the Government for the purpose of road widening.

Sheila Dimes
Prime Minister

22.10.66

Edg. Cassar
Secretary to Cabinet.
22.10.66