

✓ Sitting No. 48/66.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Palace,
Valletta, on Friday, 25th November, 1966,
at 12 noon.

Presents: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs
+ Post.
The Hon. Minister of Public Building
+ Works.
The Hon. Minister of Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs.
The Hon. Minister of Trade, Industry
+ Agriculture.
The Hon. Minister of Education,
Culture + Tourism.
The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment
+ Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Prime Minister and
The Hon. Minister of Health who
were away from the
Islands.

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Representation of China in the United Nations
Organization.

(Mr. Th. Pullicino, Secretary, M.C.F.A., was in
attendance)

The Cabinet was informed
that Italy was proposing in the United Nations
the setting up of a Committee of member
States with the objects of studying and reporting

on the question of the admission of China to the United Nations Organisation. It was known that Britain was abstaining from voting on Italy's motion. Italy was naturally in favour of the proposal and was trying to enlist the support of other member states. ~~Re. ~~for the moment~~~~ Taiwan would certainly consider with disfavour any move from any quarter that intended to disturb the existing state of affairs with regard to the representation of China in the United Nations. Hon. Ministers considered the matter at length and agreed that Malta should not vote against Italy's motion. On the question whether Malta should vote in favour of the motion or abstain from voting, the Cabinet was divided; a decision on this point could not be reached. On this account Mr. H. Pullicino was asked to contact the Hon. Prime Minister in Canada and inform him of the position.

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A/ Prime Minister

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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