

✓ Sitting No. 83/67.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Orion, Valletta, on Tuesday, 29th August, 1967, at 11.30 a.m.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister

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 ~~Health~~ Education, Culture and Leisure.

The Hon. Minister of Labour, Employment & Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Finance, Customs & Ports, who was indisposed.

The Hon. Minister of Health, who was away from the Island on official business.

CPM/E/1446/66.

Adjustment of Wages of Industrial Employees.
(Memo. No. 849)

(The Hon. Mr. G. Cuschieri was in attendance)

The Cabinet considered Memorandum No. 849 and agreed (a) that the General Workers Union be informed of the proposed improvements in the wages of the Sians as shown in column 3 of paragraph 13

of the said Memorandum, and (b) that the Services Departments be informed of the proposed increases before they were made known to the Union.

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OPM. 521/56/IV

Malta's participation in the European Economic Community (Memo. No. 816A)
(Mr. F. Amato Jurei and Mr. A. Herli were in attendance.)

The Cabinet considered again the question of Malta's participation in the European Economic Community in the light of the advice given by Signor Marco Francisci, Counsellor of Embassy and Chief of the European Economic Community in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was now agreed that rather than applying straightaway for associate membership of the European Economic Community under Article 238 of the Rome Treaty, Malta should aim at a Trade Agreement with the Community with special tariff arrangements providing for the gradual liberalization of trade between the two sides. In that way Malta would be able to maintain her special relationship with the United Kingdom at least during the preliminary period and more particularly if Britain were again barred entry into the European Economic Community. The Cabinet approves the outline of the agreement as shown on Annex A and the draft letter of application for submission to the European Economic

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Community as shown in Annex B, attached
to Memorandum No. 816 A.

It was agreed also that
the British Government be informed before-
hand of the line of action contemplated by
the Malta Government, ~~and an ~~order~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~issued~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~authorities~~ ~~to~~ ~~draft~~ ~~the~~ ~~application~~ ~~referred~~ ~~to~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~above~~ ~~mentioned~~ ~~document~~~~

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OPM. 523/66. Joint Industrial Council (Memo. No. 823)
(The Hon. Mr. G. Cuschieri was in attendance)

The Cabinet considered
Memorandum No. 823 and agreed that
the Joint Industrial Council should
continue to function.

Joseph Dimech
Prime Minister
5.9.64

Edy Bugeja
Secretary to Cabinet
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