

# Malta's election to the United Nations Security Council

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Malta's recent overwhelming election to serve on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in 2023 and 2024 once again certifies the important role that Malta plays in contemporary international relations.

Malta's return to the UNSC after having served in 1983 and 1984 is an immense endorsement by the international community of Malta's consistent and constructive foreign policy engagement since independence. Having now achieved this new UNSC mandate, it is also essential to pay tribute to Malta's diplomatic corps who relentlessly and tirelessly implement Malta's foreign policy strategic objectives on a global basis. Credit must also be given to Malta's dynamic Foreign Ministry which has always believed in Malta's capacity to influence international relations, especially those in the Mediterranean.

Malta's UNSC three guiding principles of security, sustainability and solidarity provide a platform upon which a more concerted effort can take place to address the multitude of security challenges we are currently experiencing. Malta's focus on the plight of children in conflicts, the importance of empowering women in international relations, and the urgent necessity to safeguard our planet including our oceans, highlights the constructive and pragmatic framework being put forward to manage contemporary challenges in a more effective manner.

In fact, Malta's participation in numerous international organizations has continued to highlight Malta's region state credentials, namely that of an actor that consistently voices Euro-Mediterranean concerns on the international stage. Malta has systematically navigated through the turbulent post-Cold War COVID-19 moment by adhering to the principle of solidarity so that we ensure that our Euro-Mediterranean region's interests are safeguarded.

Malta has continuously been implementing a

foreign policy that seeks to raise awareness and advocate action against humanitarian suffering. The continuous cycle of violence across our Mediterranean in places such as Syria, Libya and Yemen, and also now in Europe in Ukraine, has resulted in a very high number of casualties and millions of displaced persons. Malta's forthcoming historic UNSC moment will provide another opportunity when Malta can advocate the urgent necessity to ensure that multilateral diplomacy is further strengthened in an effort to safeguard the rights of citizens globally.

At a time of such disruption in international relations which is resulting in a significant shift in the diffusion of power throughout the international system, it is essential that multilateralism continues to be a pivotal instrument of diplomacy if the rule based international order is to be sustained. Thus, everything possible must be done to avoid the emergence of a new Cold War with Russia, and other countries such as China aligning against the USA and Europe and other allies.

The UNSC mandate demonstrates the credibility of Malta's foreign policy - a consistent and persistent team player that advocates a foreign policy of inclusion and promotes the notion of Mediterranean solidarity. UN Security Council membership will allow Malta to amplify its voice in international relations and highlight our diplomatic credentials as a beacon of stability and prosperity in the Mediterranean.

This is an historic moment for Malta to once again articulate and promote an agenda for peace and stability in the Mediterranean. As the only universal international organisation, the United Nations Security Council mandate provides an opportunity to encourage a more active concerted effort to address the long list of security challenges, mobilize the required political will to advance conflict resolution, and boost international investment to upgrade infrastructure and spur job creation.

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As a member of the UN, the EU and the OSCE, and through its participation in numerous other international institutions, Malta has regularly contributed in a constructive manner to the constantly evolving international security debate. Diplomacy is the art of the possible. Now is the time to call for a more prolific diplomacy in global relations.

Malta's election to the United Nation's Security Council once again demonstrates Malta's successful implementation of a foreign policy strategic agenda that seeks to promote a more politically cooperative and economically prosperous international system of states across the Euro-Mediterranean area and beyond. This, in fact, has become the hallmark of Malta's foreign policy in the past six decades.

This two-year prestigious term will enable Malta to highlight its foreign policy strategic objectives in a concerted and dynamic manner and will serve as an inspiration to the younger generation who strive for a better tomorrow.



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