

I assent.

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**MARIE-LOUISE
COLEIRO PRECA
President**

1st August, 2017

ACT No. XXIV of 2017

AN ACT to amend the Maltese Citizenship Act, Cap. 188.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The short title of this Act is the Maltese Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2017, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Maltese Citizenship Act, hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act".

Short title.

Cap. 188.

2. Sub-article (9) of article 10 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

Amendment of article 10 of the principal Act.

(a) in paragraph (b) thereof, for the words "under this Act:" there shall be substituted the words "under this Act,"; and

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(b) immediately after paragraph (b) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(c) to an alien who has rendered exceptional services to the Republic of Malta or to humanity, or whose naturalisation is of exceptional interest to the Republic of Malta, and who satisfies the requirements prescribed under this Act. For the purposes of this paragraph "exceptional" means unusually excellent or manifestly superior at a local level, and refers primarily to contributions by scientists, researchers, athletes, sports people, artists and cultural performers:".

Amendment of
article 24 of the
principal Act.

3. Sub-article (1) of article 24 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (i) thereof, for the words "as may be prescribed." there shall be substituted the words "as may be prescribed;"; and

(b) immediately after paragraph (i) thereof, as amended, there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(j) for prescribing the requirements for and administration of the grant of citizenship under article 10(9)(c) and for the granting of a certificate of naturalisation as a citizen of Malta to an applicant meeting such requirements as may be prescribed.".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 20 of the 19
th July, 2017.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA
Speaker

RAYMOND SCICLUNA
Clerk of the House of Representatives

