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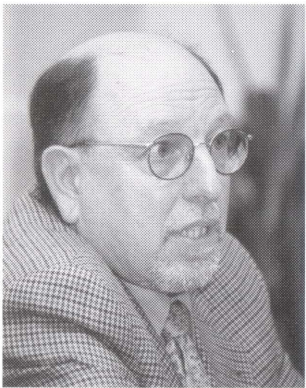
Giorgio Boggio, an Italian national, is Head of the E.C. Delegation in



Malta. He is a graduate of the Politecnico di Milano, and spent the first ten years of his professional career working in the field of nuclear power reactors design and construction in the UK, USA and Belgium. He was Counsellor in the E.C. Delegation in Washington responsible for Scientific Affairs. At the Commission's Headquarters in Brussels he was head of different units, mostly responsible for relations with third countries in the field of Science and Technology. Dr. Boggio's last responsibility in Brussels was as Head of

Division within the programme for technical assistance to the former Soviet Union. H.E. Dr. Boggio was appointed Head of the E.C. Delegation in Malta in December 1995.

Lino Briguglio is Head of the Economics Department of the University



of Malta and directs the Gozo Centre of the same University. He also directs the Islands and Small States Institute at the Foundation for International Studies. Professor Briguglio studied at the University of Malta, the University of Oxford and the University of Exeter, U.K. where he obtained a doctorate in Economics. He has published a large number of scientific papers and authored several books on topics related to Economics and Island Affairs and he acts as consultant on island and small states affairs for international organisations. He was the originator of the concept of the

Vulnerability Index, which has been extensively used within the United Nations system in connection with Small Island Developing States.

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Giovanna Debono was born in Victoria, Gozo on the 25th November 1956. She is the daughter of the late Coronato Attard, a Member of Parliament for 25 years, and Anna née Tabone. She obtained the BA (Educ.) degree in 1981 after which she started her career in the teaching profession, which lasted until 1987 when she entered politics. In 1987 she successfully contested the general elections on behalf of the Nationalist Party. She has been re-elected in all the subsequent general elections of 1992, 1996, and 1998. Following the April 1998 elections, Giovanna Debono was assigned the Ministerial Portfolio for Gozo.



The Hon. Debono is married to Anthony and they have two children, Noel and Anna.

Edward Fenech-Adami is Prime Minister of Malta. He was born in 1934, the son of a customs officer. He was educated at the Jesuit college and the University of Malta, where he first studied Economics and Classics and later Law. He was called to the bar in 1959. He joined the Nationalist Party (PN) in the early 1960s and entered parliament in 1969.



In 1977, having served in a number of senior party posts, including president of the Administrative and General Councils, he was elected party leader, succeeding Dr. Gorg Borg-Oliver. Following the 1987 general elections, the PN took over government with Dr. Eddie

Fenech-Adami as Prime Minister. The Hon. Fenech-Adami led the PN to another electoral victory in 1992. He became Leader of the Opposition following the PN electoral defeat in 1996. He became Prime Minister again in September 1998, when the PN won the general elections.

Dr. Edward Fenech-Adami is married to Mary née Sciberras and they have five children.

Michael Frendo is Managing Partner of Gatt Frendo Tufigno, Advocates and Director of European Law Centre, EuropAdvise Ltd. His main areas of specialisation are European Law, Telecommunications law, and Maritime Law. A former Minister of Broadcasting and Telecommunications, the Hon. Michael Frendo, is a Member of Parliament, a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and First Deputy Chairman of the European Parliament – Malta Parliament Joint Parliamentary Committee.



Dr. Frendo was a Cabinet Minister with a number of portfolios covering Broadcasting, Telecommunications, Science and Technology, Consumer Protection, the Arts, Shipping, Civil Aviation, Airports and Ports, Roads, Postal services. During 1995, he was President of Eurocontrol in Brussels. He graduated in law from the University of Malta (1977) and in European Law from the University of Exeter (1978/79). Michael Frendo is also a (part-time) Senior Lecturer in European Law, Telecommunications Law and Private International Law at the University of Malta. He has published extensively on European Law including the books *Malta in the European Community: Some commercial and legal considerations* (1989) and *Europe, the Case for Membership* (1996).

Jean Didier Hache has for many years been the Executive Secretary of the Islands Commission of the Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions of Europe, which is the main island lobby group in Europe. He is also the Director of the EURISLES (European Islands System of Links and Exchanges) network. As a political scientist, he has authored many papers, in French and in English, on islands and island issues.



His more recent work is a collective book on the theme *What Statutes for European Islands?* (Editions de l'Harmattan, Paris).

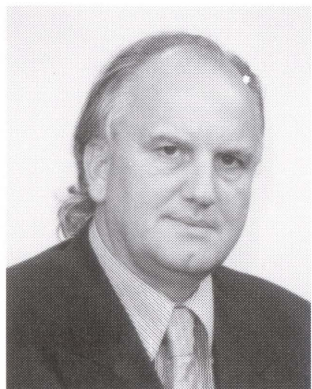
John Magro was born in Gozo on 20th August 1955. He studied at the Gozo Seminary and later on followed an Accountancy course at the Malta Polytechnic between 1972 and 1976. In 1977 he took over the running of the family business and, together with his brother, he built a diversified group of some sixteen companies in sectors ranging from food manufacture and importation to retailing and real estate, as well as construction.



Mr. Magro currently holds the post of President of the Gozo Business Chamber and is an active member of the Malta Federation of Industry (FOI). He is also a member of Council of the University of Malta. Internationally, Mr. Magro represents the Maltese Tomato Processing Industry in the AMITOM Organisation.

Mr. Magro is married to Lynn née Camilleri and they have three children, Christian, Nicholas and Joanna.

Alfred Mifsud was born in 1951. He holds undergraduate and Masters degrees in Banking and Financial Services. He is a popular columnist in the local media tackling economic, financial and political topics.



He has authored various papers on the subject of Malta's relations with the European Union and he is regularly invited to address local seminars and debates on this and related subjects.

Mr. Alfred Mifsud has been involved in private management and corporate finance consulting since 1981 and is particularly well-known for his expertise to bring about effective strategic change in business organisations. Between 1996 and 1998 he was Chairman of Mid Med Bank plc.

Anton Refalo was born on the 25th July 1956 in Victoria Gozo. He was



educated at the Victoria Primary School and later at the Secondary School in the same town. He completed his studies at the University of Malta and at the age of 24 he graduated as a lawyer. He was very active in the sports field where for several years he occupied the post of secretary and later as president of the Gozo Football Association. In 1987 he contested the general election as a labour party candidate and was elected as the youngest deputy of his party. He successfully recontested the succeeding elections of 1992, 1995 and 1998. Between the years 1996 and 1998 the Prime

Minister of Malta chose him to act as Parliamentary Secretary for Gozo in the Office of the Prime Minister, in charge of Gozo Affairs

Alfred Sant was born on 28th February 1948. He obtained a B.Sc. (Maths and



Physics) in 1967 and an M.Sc. (Physics) in 1968, from University of Malta. In 1970 he was awarded the Diplôme of the Institut International d'Administration Publique (Paris). He obtained the degree of Master of Business Administration (High Honors) from Boston University in 1976 and the degree of Doctor of Business Administration from Harvard Business School in 1979. Dr. Sant served as second and then first secretary at the Malta Mission to the European Community, Brussels, Belgium (1970-75), as advisor on general and financial management at the

Ministry of Parastatal and People's Industries (1977-80) and as Executive Deputy Chairman of the Malta Development Corporation (1980-82). In the political field, Dr. Sant was Chairman of the Department of Information of the Malta Labour Party (1982-92) and President of the Malta Labour Party (1984-88). In 1987 he was elected Member of Parliament on behalf of the Malta Labour Party and Leader of the same Party in 1992. He became Prime Minister of Malta in 1996 and Leader of the Opposition in 1998. Dr. Sant is a well known author of publications of a literary, economic and political nature.

Anton Tabone is speaker of the House of Representatives of Malta. He was born in 1937 on the Island of Gozo, Malta.



He is the son of the late Dr. Anton Tabone, founder and first President of the Gozo Civic Council and Member of Parliament. He received his education at the Gozo Seminary and St. Aloysius College, Malta. Before taking up politics, he was employed with the National Bank of Malta, now Bank of Valletta plc. Mr. Tabone has been active in the political life of Malta for over forty years. These include 33 years as a Nationalist Member of the House of Representatives and 10 years as a Cabinet Minister of the Nationalist Government. When

in 1996, Mr. Tabone returned to the Opposition following the change of Government, he was once again appointed Shadow Minister for Gozo affairs. Since 1998, Mr. Tabone acted as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

An important function which Mr. Tabone assumed as Minister for Gozo was that of promoting the regional importance of Gozo not only in the Maltese context and beyond, but particularly through his activity within the CPMR (Conference of Peripheral & Maritime Regions of Europe) where Gozo is recognised as a region with an island dimension in the Maltese Archipelago.

Mr. Tabone is married to Marguerite née Stivala and has three sons, Anton, Marc and Robert.