# CHAPTER 429

## RATIFICATION OF TREATIES (SAINT ANGELO) ACT

*AN ACT authorising the Government to ratify the agreement between the Government of Malta and the Government of the Sovereign Hospitalier Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta done in Malta on the fifth December, 1998, and for matters consequent and ancillary thereto.*

13th March, 2001

*ACT X of 2001*.

**1.** The short title of this Act is Ratification of Treaties (Saint Angelo) Act. Short title.

**2.** In this Act unless the context otherwise requires: Interpretation.

"Agreement" means the agreement signed between the Government of Malta and the Government of the Order, at the Palace, Valletta, Malta on the 5th December, 1998, which agreement is reproduced in the original English and Italian texts thereof (together with a Maltese translation) in the Schedule to this Act;

"Order" means the Sovereign Hospitalier Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta;

"Saint Angelo" means the land and buildings forming part of Fort Saint Angelo, Vittoriosa as shown delineated in green on the plan contained in the Annex to the Agreement.

**3.** For the purposes of the Ratification of Treaties Act, the Government is hereby authorised to ratify the Agreement. Authority to ratify Agreement. Cap. 304.

**4.** (1) By virtue of this Act, and without the need of any further formality other than this Act, the Government grants the Order the right of use of Saint Angelo for the purposes and subject to the conditions set out in the Agreement. Grant of right of use over Saint Angelo.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Civil Code or in any other law, the right granted under subarticle (1) shall be for the period of duration of the Agreement provided in Article 15 thereof. Cap. 16.

**5.** (1) Saint Angelo shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities as set out in, and subject to, the Agreement, and the Order and the officers thereof referred to in the Agreement, and their residences, shall enjoy therein all privileges and immunities contained in and referred to in, and subject to, the Agreement, and the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act shall be read and applied as if the privileges and immunities contained or referred to in the Agreement were included in the said Act. Privileges and Immunities. Cap. 191.

(2) Except as provided in the Agreement, the Courts and Tribunals of Malta shall have full and exclusive jurisdiction at Saint Angelo and Maltese law shall apply.

Act shall come into force upon ratification of Agreement.

**6.** (1) The provisions of this Act shall come into force upon the exchange of instruments between the Government and the Order ratifying the Agreement.

(2) The Minister responsible for foreign affairs shall by notice in the Gazette notify the date of exchange of the ratification instruments referred to in subarticle (1).

Language of Schedule.

**7.** The Schedule to this Act shall be published in the original texts thereof together with a Maltese translation thereof and shall be published only with the Maltese text of this Act.

In case of conflict regarding the aforesaid, the English text shall prevail.