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L.N. 364 of 2014

LOCAL COUNCILS ACT
(CAP. 363)

Coat of Arms for the Regional Committees Order, 2014

BY VIRTUE of the powers granted by articles 72 and 74 of the Local Councils Act, and regulation 36 of the Regional Committees Regulations, the Minister for Justice, Culture and Local Government has made the following Order:-

1. the title of this Order is the Coat of Arms for the Regional Committees Order, 2014. Citation.

2. For the purposes of the Local Councils Act and the Regional Committees Regulations, the coats of arms referred to in the Schedule are hereby designated as the Coats of Arms for the respective Regional Committees, therein referred to. Designation of the coat of arms for the Regional Committees. Cap. 363. S.L. 363.160

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SCHEDULE

Article 2

Gozo Region



The coat-of-arms of Gozo – Għawdex, referred to as the Island of Three Hills, are *Party per fess, Sable three hills in fess Argent, the centre on enhanced and barry wavy six Argent and Sable; ensigned with a moral crown with five eschaugettes and a sally port Or.*

It depicts a field divided horizontally: the upper two-thirds silver; the lower one-third made up of six parallel wavy horizontal bands alternately silver and black, the top silver, the bottom black. Upon the upper part, three slightly pointed hills in black, the centre hill higher and in front of the two hills. Above the shield is amural coronet with five eschaugettes and a sally-port in gold. This coat-of-arms originated from that of the *Universitas* – the regional government of Gozo (1350-1819) – and was first used in the late sixteenth century.

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Northern Region



The design is based on a Maltese cross, signifying Malta, the northern quarter of which has been replaced by the *fleur de lys*, a symbol normally found on nautical navigational magnetic compasses. Whereas other cardinal points on such compasses are usually indicated by letters S, W and E to signify the direction of those points South, West and East, North is usually signified by a *fleur de lys*.

The blazon would read – Azure an eight pointed Maltese cross Argent, the uppermost arm replaced by a *fleur de lys* Or, ensigned by a mural coronet of five eschaugettes all Or.

Central Region



The design for the shield of arms for Central Region was agreed at the last meeting. It is based on a blue field signifying the Mediterranean Sea in whch thirteen golden disks (in heraldry called bezants or a Byzantine gold coin) may be identified as the thirteen municipalities forming this region.

The blazon would read - Azure thirteen bezants 3, 3, 3, 3 and 1, all ensigned by a mural coronet of five eschaugettes Or.

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South Eastern Region



- An Escutcheon with the field in *Gules* (red) to signify the courage and magnanimity with which the group of Councils forming the Xlokk Region aim to address their tasks together. Red is also the colour of the insignia of the mayors who represent their respective local councils on the regional committee.

- 15 same size small escutcheons in argent (silver/white) signifying equality and sincerity towards each other in order to work peacefully together towards their common aims.

- A chief is '*cousu*' (sewn on, added) as a sign of honour which distinguishes this Region from the others having six historic cities within its territory thus signifying dominion and authority. The two capital cities are each represented with a six turreted mural crown while the four other cities are each symbolized by a four turreted mural crown. All six crowns are in *Or* (gold).

- The Chief in Sable (black) to signify the constancy with which the region aspires to work while Black is also the colour of the Mayors representing the cities.

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Southern Region



The design of the shield of Southern Region is based on the Mediterranean sea in blue with white waves. In the centre the rayed sun in golg, the four cardinal points enhanced. The southern-most divided vertically in the ancient colours of Malta, white and red.

Blazon:

Undy per fess, of eight Azure and Argent, the sun in its splendour with cardinal rays enhanced Or, that in base per pale Argent and Gules.

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