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I assent.

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**MARIE LOUISE
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President**

18th December, 2015

ACT No. XLIII of 2015

AN ACT to amend the Malta Armed Forces Act, Cap. 220.

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:

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| Short title. | 1. The short title of this Act is the Malta Armed Forces (Amendment) Act, 2015 and it shall be read and construed as one with the Malta Armed Forces Act hereinafter referred to as "the principal Act". |
| Cap. 220. | |
| Amendment of article 7 of the principal Act. | 2. In sub-article (2) of article 7 of the principal Act, for the words "may think fit:" there shall be substituted the words "may think fit.", and the proviso thereto shall be deleted. |
| Amendment of article 16 of the principal Act. | 3 In sub-article (2) of article 16 of the principal Act, for the words "at the time of his conviction:" there shall be substituted the words "at the time of his conviction.", and the proviso thereto shall be deleted. |
| Amendment of article 17 of the principal Act. | 4. Sub-article (2) of article 17 of the principal Act shall be deleted and sub-articles (3) and (4) shall be renumbered as sub-articles (2) and (3). |
| Amendment of article 31 of the principal Act. | 5. Article 31 of the principal Act shall be amended as follows:

(a) for sub-article (1) thereof there shall be substituted the following: |

"(1) The reserve force shall consist of the reserve of

the regular force body.";

(b) sub-article (2) thereof shall be deleted; and

(c) sub-article (3) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-article (2).

6. Immediately after article 35 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new article:

Addition of a new article 35A to the principal Act.

"Call Out Notice to the Volunteer Reserve Force.

35A. (1) The Commander may, for the purpose of national missions or any other task, authorise Commanding Officers or any other officer under their instruction to call out any reservist from the Volunteer Reserve Force in order to participate and assist the regular force in any said national mission or other task.

(2) Commanding Officers or any other officer under their instruction shall set with the reservist's consent, the date, time, duration and place at which the reservist is to be present and a call out notice shall be deemed to be served on the reservist if it is communicated to him personally by any means.

(3) A call out notice may be revoked or varied by the Commander by a subsequent communication."

7. For sub-article (1) of article 36 of the principal Act there shall be substituted the following:

Amendment of article 36 of the principal Act.

"(1) A member of a reserve force may, in accordance with such provisions as may be prescribed, be called out in any year for minimum training consisting of two hundred and forty hours of training per year, with each training session being of not less than four consecutive hours but not in excess of eight continuous days:

Provided that during the first year of engagement, training periods shall consist mainly of basic soldiering skills. During the second and subsequent years, training shall be made up of specialised skills training which may also include on the job training with any body of the force."

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Speaker

RAYMOND SCICLUNA
Clerk of the House of Representatives

