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I assent.

(L.S.) **DOLORES CRISTINA**
Acting President

24th November, 2017

ACT No. XXVI of 2017

An Act to further 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:-

Short title.

1. The short title of this Act is the Maltese Citizenship (Amendment No. 2) Act, 2017, and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Maltese Citizenship Act, hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act".

Cap. 188.

Amendment of article 10 of the principal Act.

2. In the proviso to sub-article (1) of article 10 of the principal Act the words "mentioned in paragraph (b)." shall be substituted with the words "mentioned in paragraph (b):" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following second proviso:

"Provided further that the requirements of paragraph (c) shall not apply to any person on behalf of whom an application is submitted with the authorisation of the Civil Court (Voluntary Jurisdiction) under sub-article (3) of article 21.".

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Amendment of article 21 of the principal Act.

3. Immediately after sub-article (2) of article 21 of the principal Act there shall be added the following new sub-article:

"(3) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Act or of any regulations made thereunder, an application in respect of a person of full age but not of full capacity may be made on behalf of such person by a curator or guardian duly authorised by a decree of the Civil Court (Voluntary Jurisdiction) after the Court is satisfied that the application is in the best interests of the said person:

Provided that, without prejudice to the second proviso to article 10(1), all other criteria which must be satisfied by a person of full age and full capacity must likewise be satisfied when an application is submitted under this sub-article:

Provided further that the acquisition of Maltese citizenship under this sub-article shall not be subject to the requirement of taking an oath of allegiance.".

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 54 of the 20th November, 2017.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA
Speaker

RAYMOND SCICLUNA
Clerk of the House of Representatives

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