

**ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
AND MALTA**

Biennial Report on the Operation of the Agreement

*Communication from the Parties*

Addendum

This document reproduces questions addressed to the Parties and the responses provided by them.

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**It is not clear what the status of these agreements are. Are they fully implemented free-trade areas or partially implemented agreements that are beyond the ten-year phase-in period?**

As explained in the biennial reports themselves, the Association Agreements with these countries each foresaw the creation of a customs union with the EC over two stages. Formation of the EC-Cyprus customs union is now in its second stage, while that of the EC-Malta customs union is still in its first. Clearly, therefore, implementation has taken longer than the ten years originally foreseen. The biennial reports describe the progress made in each case.

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