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## National interest has prevailed

The Malta Chamber of Commerce Enterprise and Industry welcomes the positive vote taken by members of the Airline Pilots Association (ALPA) on Sunday, approving negotiations with Government on the future of the national airline Air Malta. While it congratulates all parties involved, the Malta Chamber, notes that the national interest has evidently prevailed, as the greater good has ultimately been given the deserved top priority.

The Malta Chamber appeals to all those involved to continue putting the national interest first. We must avoid at all costs situations that cast even the faintest shadow of uncertainty on the uninterrupted and efficient operation of crucial elements in our economy.

Looking ahead, the Malta Chamber augurs that all parties work hand in hand in the best interest of the national interest and that of the national airline.

The Malta Chamber hopes that now, the cloud of uncertainty that has hovered over the survival of the airline for the past years, has finally lifted, for the benefit of businesses and citizens alike. We must now ensure that the ambitious plans for Air Malta may finally materialise.

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