

PRESS RELEASE

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The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry together with the Middle East Business Council and the North Africa Business Council have expressed their solidarity with the business community and the people of France in correspondence to H.E. the Ambassador of France Ms Beatrice Le Fraper Du Hellen, the President of the Mouvement des entreprises de France (MEDEF) Mr Pierre Gattaz and the President of the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry Mr Pierre-Antoine Gailly.

The terrorist attacks which took place on November 13th in Paris are condemned unreservedly and without any exception.

We cannot however, allow such incidents interfere with the excellent relations between Malta and the Arab world. Malta's long standing relationship with the Arab world is testament of an extended fruitful and mutually beneficial relationship on several levels that goes back centuries.

The Malta Chamber endorses remarks made by the Prime Minister in Parliament in the wake of the attacks, when he said "it would be wrong for Malta to turn its back on the Arab world. It should promote trade and exchanges with the Arab countries and the rest of the world".

The Malta Chamber has in the last two years supported all efforts to create further visibility for Malta in the Middle East and North African (MENA) region and continues to deliver the message that "Malta is truly open for business".

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