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Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs of the House of Representatives
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I would like to thank you for your invaluable feedback on the draft bilateral programme between NATO and Malta (the Individual Tailored Partnership Programme [ITPP]), which has garnered the support of all NATO Allies and has therefore been approved.

Following the meeting of the Foreign and European Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives held on 29 January 2024, the Government communicated the amendments to the draft programme to the NATO Secretariat, and the document was amended as follows:

1. The removal of the term “particularly” from Strategic Objective 2, for the said objective to read as follows: “The Armed Forces of Malta are effective and work to develop their capabilities and interoperability, in relation to forces foreseen for peace-keeping and peace-support operations.”
2. The rewording of Partnership Goal M1100 (Maritime Combat Unit Contribution) from “The Republic of Malta’s Armed Forces have established and maintained a sustainable capability to deploy combat units for possible participation in maritime security operations” to “The Republic of Malta’s Armed Forces have established and maintained a sustainable capability to deploy combat units for multinational peace support joint and combined operations.”

The Government also communicated the Committee’s decision on the timing of the programme on the cover page of the document, but was informed by the NATO Secretariat that this cannot be changed by partners, as it is a NATO template applicable to all partners. The NATO Secretariat further explained that 2023 – 2024 refers to the programming period, as the new programming period will commence in 2025.

Kind regards,

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