

MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE WITH A DIFFERENCE

The arrival tomorrow at the Grand Harbour of French National Marine Supply Tanker **La Meuse** signals the beginning of a fortnight of activities and discussions in different countries around the Mediterranean focusing on the underlying common heritage as the basis for a process of a new kind of regional cultural dialogue.

French Ambassador H.E. Mr Daniel Rondeau, supported by the French Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr Bernard Kouchner, has taken the initiative – **Ulysse 2009** – to organize a symbolic Mediterranean voyage to emphasize our common heritage.

The Hon. Louis Galea, Speaker of the House of Representatives, together with Ambassador Rondeau and Sergio Piazzi, the Secretary General of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean, will be convening this Thursday and Friday a Malta Encounter in the House of Representatives to discuss and reflect on the different aspects of the Mediterranean Sea and its region.

Details about this initiative and the programme for the Malta Encounter are expected to be given in a Press Conference by Louis Galea, Daniel Rondeau and Sergio Piazzi tomorrow, Wednesday 7th October, at noon onboard **La Meuse** which will be berthed at the Deep Water Quay No 4.

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