



Valletta, 8th June 2018

Your Excellency,

The Broadcasting Authority of the Republic of Malta presents its compliments to H.E. Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Secretary General of the OSCE and has the honour to refer to the OSCE/ODIHR Election Assessment Mission Final Report issued in Warsaw on 9 October 2017, for the 3rd June 2017 Parliamentary Elections in Malta.

Reference is also made to the meeting held in Malta on 22 May 2018 with the OSCE/ODIHR delegation led by Amb. Jorge Fuentes Manzana-Villalonga and comprising of Mr Steven Martin, Senior Adviser on New Voting Technologies, and Mr. Uvi Akhandia, Election Adviser.

As already discussed with the esteemed delegation, the Broadcasting Authority is strongly contesting and refuting the untruthful conclusions published by the OSCE/ODIHR with regards to the factual operational activities scrupulously carried out according to its constitutional mandate and obligations, during the Electoral campaign in Malta between 1 May and 3 June 2017.

The attached Report and documents compiled by the Chief Executive Officer amply provide the data, most of which has been also publicly available on the BA's website since the electoral campaign itself, being complaints received and emanating from third parties, and BA's own monitoring initiatives, which matters being decided within the shortest timeframe possible in full respect of procedures and protocols.

H.E. Ambassador Thomas Greminger,
Secretary General of the OSCE
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Furthermore, the Broadcasting Authority was never contacted by any official whatsoever on behalf of the OSCE/ODHR mission and wonders who the BA interlocutors mentioned were, and from where the incorrect conclusions were sourced. The same queries are being raised by the stakeholders who were at the receiving end of our actions, questioning from which Authority they received infringement notices and fines during the electoral campaign.

In view of the above, and since the report is a public document and already being quoted by stakeholders and the media, the Broadcasting Authority invites the OSCE, and expects it, to take immediate remedial action in disseminating a truthful version of the documented and undocumented operations of the Broadcasting Authority of Malta in connection with the Electoral Campaign 2017.

Kindly be advised that this correspondence is being widely and publicly shared as the BA's reaction to the unfounded conclusions of the OSCE Report.

Confident that the Broadcasting Authority can count on the full cooperation of the OSCE and yourself, please accept, Your Excellency, the expression of my highest considerations.


Martin Micallef
Chairman



The seal of the Broadcasting Authority of Malta is circular, featuring the text 'BROADCASTING AUTHORITY OF MALTA' around the perimeter and 'PUBBLIĊITÀ' at the bottom. The center of the seal contains a stylized emblem.