



SOVEREIGN ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM  
KNIGHTS OF MALTA  
FEDERATION OF THE AUTONOMOUS PRIORIES

*Magisterial House*

**MAGISTERIAL DECREE 25 / 2019**

To all Dames and Knights, Brethren of  
Our Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem  
Knights of Malta  
Federation of Autonomous Priories,  
let it be known by the present letters that

We, José, by the Grace of God Hereditary Regent and Grand Chancellor of the Sovereign Order of Cyprus, Hereditary Grand Prior and Procurator General of the Grand Priory of the Most Holy Trinity of Villedieu and, by the Will of Our fellow Knights, Prince Grand Master and Head of State of the Federation of Autonomous Priories of the Sovereign Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, also said of the Knights Hospitallers or of Malta, in virtue of the powers bestowed upon Us;

In accordance with Our Constitutional Letter, namely the Paragraph d) of the Article 2<sup>nd</sup> of the Chapter XI and all the Articles the Chapter XVIII about the MAGISTERIAL STATE COUNCIL, which states that all the members of this Council have the title of *State Counsellors*, and for all effects a rank equivalent to Minister of the Government of the State with the duties of assisting and counseling the Grand Master, both as Head of the State and Head of the Order, as well as the Lieutenant General and Prime Minister, in all matters presented to them in regard to affairs either of the Government of the State or of the Order, and in virtue of the highly sensitive nature of their duties are bound by office with secrecy on all matters pertaining the State Council and the subjects in appreciation and who, due to their high responsibilities and to avoid any type or sort of conflict of interests, the State Counsellors, will have no executive functions in the Government of the State or in the structure of the Order;

Having considered the very well succeeded and respected professional career and the good reputation of the Knight appointed hereinafter by the present Decree, who is well known to Us;

By proposal of Our Prime Minister and after having consulted with the competent Governmental bodies in accordance with the Article 8th of the Chapter VII of Our Constitutional Letter;

having had all the above stated facts in consideration and, in accordance with all the Articles of Chapter II and the Articles nr.º 2, nr.º 3, nº 4 and nrº 8 of the Chapter VII of the Constitutional Letter, a of our State;



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**We come to decree and We do decree:**



**ARTICLE 1. By the present Decree We come to appoint**

**SIR DR. MANUEL INÁCIO DOS SANTOS  
TORRES, KCM, JUDR.**  
as

**STATE COUNSELLOR FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS**

**ARTICLE 2. The present Magisterial Decree is effective from this day on.**

**This decree, was given in two pages at Our Magisterial House on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month of December of the year of our Lord 2019 and to it We affix Our Hand and Seals in use at this House.**



**His Most Eminent Highness José, Prince  
GRAND MASTER and HEAD OF STATE**