

Affidavit

I, the undersigned, Dr. Joseph Pirotta, bearing identity card number 755955 M, hereby declare under oath that:

I have served in two Maltese Missions, as a Maltese Diplomat, in China and Libya; I have also served as a Maltese Diplomat at the Mission of Malta in Paris, Canberra and Abu Dhabi.

When the alleged police investigation over the issue of visas from the Maltese Mission in Beijing took place, I was given a clean bill of health in that no wrongdoing was found on my part. Subsequent to this, the Government under both administrations reappointed me and assigned me further postings as a Maltese Diplomat abroad.

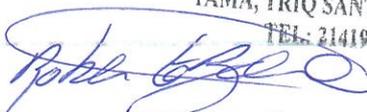
Me being recalled from China coincidentally took place during the aforementioned investigation, since I had been in the post for almost four years. I was always going to be recalled since my time in China was over.

With regard to my evacuation from Benghazi, as I have stated during the Public Appointments Committee meeting, this took place following sensitive information which I had received and included a threat on my life. One must bear in mind that few days before my evacuation other diplomats were in the target of the organisation which was carrying out these attacks on foreign missions. My evacuation was therefore in no way related to the issuance of visas.



Dr. Joseph Pirotta  
identity card number 755955 M

*Sworn and signed in the presence of the undersigned  
Notary after due verification of the contents thereof  
that all contents are in line with the Maltese  
law in Malta Mosta Triq Santa Marija in the  
office 'tama' without official number.  
Today the eighth of October two thousand and  
twenty (08.10.2020).*

  
Notary Public in Malta