

PROTOCOL

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta and the Federated States of Micronesia, acknowledging their reciprocal interest to develop their bilateral cooperation, have decided to establish diplomatic relations as from today.

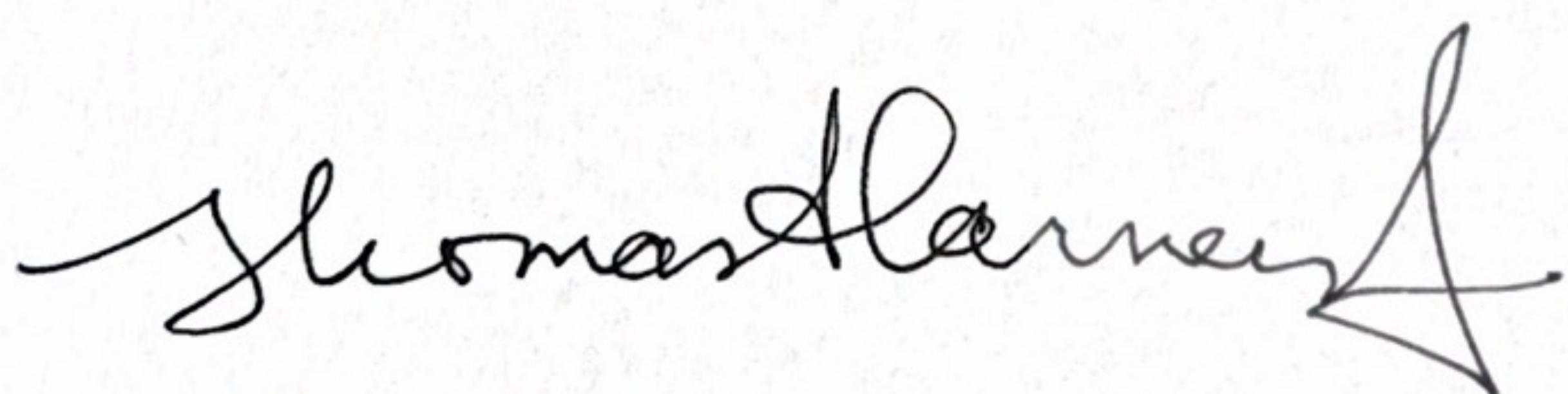
The High Contracting Parties will therefore exchange their Representatives with the rank of Ambassadors Extraordinaries and Plenipotentiaries and the pertinent prerogatives established by international law.

The undersigned representatives of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and of the Federated States of Micronesia, having been granted authority by their respective governments, have signed the present Protocol, written in the English language.

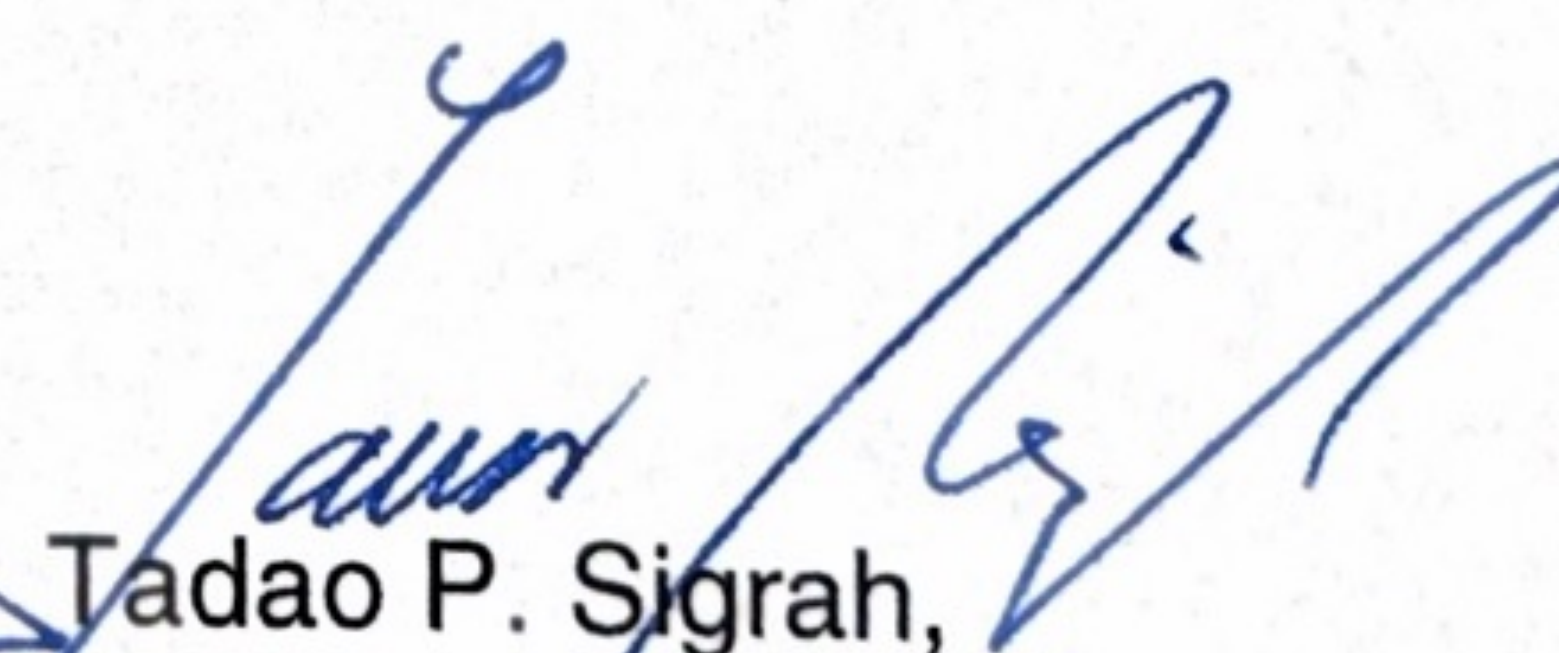
New York, the 12th day of November, 1997

For the Sovereign Military Order of Malta

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