

ABBA - STATUTE

Dignity For Malta



Preface:

Due to the result of the Maltese general elections that were held in 2013, Malta has entered a somewhat new and very disturbing era.

On the one hand, through its high-majority win, the PL Government has become very arrogant and brash. Half-baked laws are enacted, it has already lost contact with the people who are, in turn, openly rejecting it - they have already lost total faith in it performing its duties properly.

A new style has therefore emerged that is surely bereft of (and one might argue even against) the fundamental and original beliefs of the Labour party/left wing. The Government seems to be run more like a club of a few businessmen and a few close friends rather than one that safeguards the interest of the people of Malta first and foremost. Key electoral promises have not been kept, the various 'roadmaps' announced with much fanfare before are exposed to be non-existent and the Constitutional law itself is clearly being broken continually. Foreign governments/parliaments are clearly denying claims made by this government regarding agreements made/not made and all of this is embarrassing to our good reputation abroad. It is clearly putting long-established friendships with other countries at a great strain.

Through this worrying behaviour, Malta is now facing potential, real and new dangers. The economic, political & regional stability that we have so far enjoyed is now being threatened.

On the other side, the people have clearly rejected the Nationalist Party's previous performance in government and by the most clear of terms has voted it back into the opposition. It is financially and ideologically bankrupt and needs to rebuild from scratch in order for it to re-establish any form of credibility back with the voting population. Even worse the internal rifts are now in the public domains and instead of gaining points in the electoral race, PN is actually losing points - it is not a viable alternative to the present government in the forthcoming elections.

In effect, we have far too strong a government that is behaving like a bully and at the same time there is no tangible, effective or even serious opposition to offer any form of redress or democratic balance.

Not only then have Malta's democratic, constitutional and legal rights been dismantled but even worse we have now been economically grey-listed by the international legal/economic community. The future then is not looking good and something must be done immediately to correct this current state of affairs.

This necessity has resulted in the coming together of like-minded people from both sides of the political spectrum. Regardless of their preferred political orientation, they have united in a common and singular cause: to put above all else the National issues and interest which effects us all equally and that we feel are not being looked after/run properly by the two major parties.

We have formed a large enough nucleus - a party of serious-minded people who feel that we must step in to fill a serious gap in Maltese society. We wish to represent all those who feel neglected, used and abused by the present political parties, who feel that the two main parties no longer represent our own aspirations, beliefs and needs.

This is the situation which led to the birth of the ABBA party. A party that came together naturally as the two parties became more liberal, less faithful to core beliefs and finally just a shell of their original self. We intend to offer a **viable alternative** to the two parties and a **serious leadership** in order to offer solutions that we believe will see this once proud Nation return to its former national and international high standing with standards that we once enjoyed.

This is why we are **ABBA** and why we insist on **real change**.

Article 1. The name and logo of the party.

1. The name of our party is: **ABBA.**
2. The logo of our party is made up the words “**ABBA**” written horizontally. A red lion stands in front of a white & red painted shield which in turn stands in front of tongues of fire.

Article 2. The aims of ABBA party.

With the above in mind, ABBA party members will work towards the following aims:

1. ABBA party wants a revocation of the Lisbon Treaty and wants a totally new agreement with the EU; this new treaty will also not prohibit us in anyway from reaching new agreements with other non-EU countries/states.

Malta must regain its sovereignty and all rights that such sovereignty affords us.

Final decision making regarding Malta must be in the hands of the Maltese representatives at National level and not in the hands of the EU or anyone else.

The Maltese people also have an inalienable right to change any existing agreement that goes against the Maltese Constitution as written on the 13th of December 1974.

2. We will represent all those who are against how EU and present national parliamentary affairs are being carried out and those who, like us, believe that what is presently happening is not in the best interest of the Maltese people.

3. We will work diligently and in a way that respects the people’s intelligence. We will show clearly that there are alternate and better ways, both from within and outside the EU, whereby in the next EU elections, the population can vote first and foremost in their own best interest.

4. We will not accept lies or distortion of the truth that everyone is presently very much aware of. We will both show and tell the truth as it is, in order for the people to have viable alternatives to what is presently being presented as ‘the only way forward’.

5. We will strengthen and reaffirm Malta’s Neutrality as per the present Constitution which was and still is legally supreme over any other agreement even that with the EU.

6. The law as per our Constitution has and still is blatantly being broken in the interest of the few, of other foreign governments and the EU and is clearly being broken against the best interest of the Maltese Nation. We will therefore take it upon ourselves to defend the Constitution and law without which our democracy will fail to function properly.

7. We will strengthen our Neutrality by adhering to a political policy of actively seeking peace and disarmament especially within the Mediterranean.

8. Illegal immigrants will be sent and allowed to continue on their way as is their wish.

9. Direct competition between local workers and foreigners will not continue and we will work hard to remove the worsening work conditions presently being experienced.

10. We will work so that the EU will be rebuilt on the pillars of proper democracy and will not carry on being controlled by the few that are not even elected by the EU citizens.

11. As long as it foremost is in the interest of Malta, we will work with any/several local EU and international political/non-political organisations who agree with some or all of our aims mentioned above.

Article 3. Membership.

Membership in ABBA party is open to Maltese citizens residing in Malta or abroad as well as to foreigners living both in Malta or abroad. All people who believe in and actively effect the beliefs of ABBA as outlined in Article 3 above is welcome. Whilst we have no objection to members being also members of other groups or organisations but such membership must be declared on application to join ABBA party.

The Executive Committee reserves the right to refuse membership application or membership renewal without having to give any reason for doing so. It also has a right cancel membership with immediate effect if it deems this action appropriate to safeguard the interest of ABBA party itself.

1. Membership is of an annual nature consisting of 12 months starting from 1st October to 30th September.
2. The nominal and annual membership which must be paid on application and immediately on renewal will be decided by the Executive Committee and may change at their discretion.
3. All paid up members have a right to take part in the ABBA party's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
4. Paid up members have a right contest for any post or position within ABBA party.
5. Members have a duty to abide by all directives that are effected by the Executive Committee from time to time.
6. The party has the right to call for disciplinary action against any member, that may include permanent or temporary exclusion/expulsion, who is found to be in breach of any directive or is manifestly harming the party through their actions. In turn, the member has a right to a fair hearing on any such complaint and also the right to defend himself against any accusation brought against them.
7. Anyone wishing to leave the party by their own free will may do so by presenting a letter stating so clearly addressed to the secretary general of the party.

Article 4. Structure of ABBA

The structure of the party once properly formed will take shape as follows:

1. Ordinary Members;
2. Executive Committee;
3. Annual General Meeting;
4. Administration;
5. Local and district branches.

Article 5. Administration

1. ABBA party has an Executive Committee made up of at least the following administrative roles:

Leader of ABBA & Legal Representative	Ivan Grech Mintoff
Secretary General	Simon Elmer
Financial Secretary	Romina Magro
Members	David Buttigieg Tania Gauci Fiorini Catherin Lorentzo

2. The Executive Committee also has the right to appoint other officials according to the needs of the board as and when they arise.

3. All posts are filled during a voting process that takes place in the AGM but the Committee also has the right to provisionally fill in any vacancies that might arise until the AGM is convened next.

4. The executive Committee is responsible for the running of ABBA party in between one AGM and another

5. It also has to draft the political agenda of ABBA party.

6. It controls all expenses, income and general accounting of the party.

7. It organises all social, political and media activities of the party.

8. It is responsible for the general discipline of the members of ABBA party.

9. It comes up with the strategy to expand the party and spreading of our beliefs.

10. It takes part or appoints representatives in broadcasts and media exposure in the name of ABBA party.

11. It carries out all other related work in order for ABBA party to make progress and increase its general activities.

12. It organises ABBA's AGM and supplies all members with information on the AGM, time & place as well as the agenda of the meeting. Finally it prepares the report of the meeting for final approval of the General Meeting itself.

13. In the event that the party needs to be wound down, a general meeting will be called whereby what happens with the party's assets will be decided by no less than 60% of the voters present in the meeting itself.

Article 6. Legal Status

The party enjoys a legal personality and the Legal status, right to sue and be sued. It also has all the rights of free expression which are competent to individuals according to the Constitution.