

3. MALTA - 1988 ARTICLE IV CONSULTATION - DECISION
CONCLUDING ARTICLE XIV CONSULTATION

1. The Fund takes this decision relating to Malta's exchange measures subject to Article VIII, Sections 2(a) and 3, and in concluding the 1988 Article XIV consultation with Malta, in the light of the 1988 Article IV consultation with Malta conducted under Decision No. 5392-(77/63), adopted April 29, 1977, as amended (Surveillance over Exchange Rate Policies).

2. The restrictions on the making of payments and transfers for current international transactions, as described in SM/88/164 and SM/88/197, are maintained by Malta in accordance with Article XIV, Section 2, except that the restriction on exchange allowances for foreign travel and the restriction evidenced by a bilateral payments arrangement with a Fund member are subject to approval under Article VIII, Section 2(a), and the guarantee of exchange rates for tour operators from a member country is subject to approval under Article VIII, Section 3. The Fund welcomes the authorities' desire to eliminate the guaranteed exchange rate and urges Malta to terminate the guarantee and its other exchange restrictions as soon as possible.

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