

Suggested amendments to the Maltese Constitution.

Under **Chapter II regarding Declaration of Principles**, I suggest that there should be added the following Principles:-

The State shall strive to raise the standard of living and improve public health, and prohibit the consumption of intoxicating drinks and drugs injurious to health.

The State shall work to ensure the preservation of national and local monuments and objects of national and local importance.

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I further suggest that along the lines of the Indian and other Constitutions there should be introduced in our Constitution **a new Chapter dealing with the Fundamental Duties of the Individual** which could read thus:-

It shall be the duty of every citizen of Malta —

1. To abide by the Constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag and the National Anthem;
2. To cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom;
3. To uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of Malta;
4. to defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so;
5. to promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of Malta transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities; to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women;

6. To value and preserve the rich heritage of our national culture;
7. To protect and improve the natural environment including fauna and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures;
8. To develop the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform;
9. To safeguard public property and to abjure violence;
10. To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement.

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