



Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen

The Malta Declaration on the Right to Good Administration Adopted by the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen in Malta, on 1 November 2023

The Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen,

Having met at Malta to discuss the right to good administration;

Having agreed on the pivotal role that the public administration plays in modern societies,

Noting that the decisions of the public administration affect the rights and interests of persons;

Noting that the public administration should, in the performance of its duties, be guided by laws, guidelines, codes of conduct and codes of practice;

Considering that maladministration is a cause of unfair decisions, bad service to the public, and an unwanted cost to government coffers;

Considering that good administration is a tool to uphold effectiveness and efficiency in the governance of a state;

Affirms the desideratum that national laws incorporate the right to good administration;

Recommends that the authorities represented in the Association of Mediterranean Ombudsmen to recognise the right to good administration in their respective legislation and policies and to give full effect thereto.