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**Report on the Diplomatic Department Meeting
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Dr. Giuseppe MORABITO Knight of Malta – Commander, Chairman of the Diplomatic Department gave a brief report on the present situation and some information concerning the work of Diplomatic Department of IBSSA.

In this last year the IBSSA Diplomatic Department has mainly attempted to establish, promote and follow the relationships with the Federation of Autonomous Pories of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta, for two main reasons. The first is that the image of security operators and bodyguards often finds in many countries low credibility and consideration, being it usually presented to the public through bad taste movie -shows. Therefore we considered, that to be related to the most ancient and prestigious Order of Knighthood that history can remind, could certainly contribute to give seriousness, professionalism and competence to our operators. And it also would make easier and more proficuous the relationships with a lot of Government Institutions, due to the prestige and respect that the Knights of Malta have all around the world.

The second reason is that the synergy between these two organizations will bring resolute innovations. In fact the Federation State University, Patriarchal Studium Generale, Universitas Pro-Deo, in cooperation with our Academies and other important Universities will establish the first Degree in " Sciences of Security and Protection" and several University Specialization Diplomas in the field of defense and security, which by now has all the requested characteristics to be not only a Right, but also a true Science.

The results we obtained this year, among which the promotion to "Knight Commander" of the Executive President, Sir George Popper, the admission in the Order of a new Knight, Gyenes Levente, the planning of a ceremony in Budapest on September 15, 2001 reserved to the IBSSA members for the investiture of new knights and the granting of H.C. Degrees, not only are a demonstration of the success we obtained so far with our organization, but also represent new potentialities and surely determinant openings in the future path of the whole IBSSA

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