

General Secretariat
Cologne, 30.10.2020

Handover of the Office of Secretary General

Your Excellency,
Dear Sir/Madam

Today I will lay down my mandate as Secretary General of Malteser International after more than fifteen years in the post. Much has changed during this time; however, the trust, support, and camaraderie of countless partners, supporters, and colleagues has never ceased to be freely given and gratefully accepted. When Malteser International was founded from the Foreign Aid Service of Malteser Germany in 2005, we implemented a project volume of c. EUR 24m in 22 countries. We now implement projects with a volume of c. EUR 80m per year in more than 30 countries. Without your constant help, this achievement would not have been possible. I am confident that my successor as Secretary General, Clemens Graf von Mirbach-Harff will be able to build successfully on this legacy in order to bring our lifesaving and life-changing aid to even more people in the future.

Malteser International is not only significantly larger today than at its inception. Its activities, structure, and strategic horizons are much more wide ranging. However, I am in the fortunate position of being able to hand over an organization that has never been so strong, stable, or secure, in spite of the many challenges, and the rapid pace of change we have experienced in recent years. This is in no small part thanks to the tireless professionalism and dedication of our staff all over the world. But it is also testament to the careful oversight and wise counsel consistently extended by the President and Board of Directors. It was an honor and a pleasure to work with such a dedicated and competent staff and Board. I am sure that both of these teams will continue to drive many future successes for Malteser International in the years to come.

In the course of this handover of responsibility, I would ask you to in future direct all communications to the Secretary General of Malteser International to Clemens Graf von Mirbach-Harff (<mailto:Clemens.Mirbach@malteser-international.org>, Tel.: 0049 221 96441 101). My own Malteser International Email address will be deactivated at the end of 2020.

Please allow me to once again extend to you my most sincere thanks for your many years of support and to wish you all the very best for your future endeavors.

Yours Sincerely,



Ingo Radtke,
Secretary General