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**Subject:** Serious Concerns Regarding the Commissioner for Voluntary Sector and Media Integrity (TIMES OF MALTA & SHIFT NEWS)

Dear Authorities,

I am writing to bring to your attention serious concerns regarding the state of the voluntary sector in Malta, particularly the actions of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organizations and his role of Times of Malta in shaping public narratives.

## **Background on Doninu Malta:**

A year and a half ago, we open Doninu Malta with the sole purpose of assisting vulnerable individuals—completely free of charge and without collecting any money donations. However, upon entering this sector, we quickly noticed several alarming practices that raised ethical concerns. It became evident that compliance within the voluntary sector often meant blindly following directives, something we were unwilling to do if it conflicted with our principles. Consequently, we found ourselves blacklisted within the sector.

In hindsight, we take pride in not being registered as an NGO, as it has allowed us to maintain our independence and speak out against injustices affecting vulnerable individuals, rather than being silenced through regulatory constraints.

## **Concerns Regarding Fondazzjoni Wens**

Recently, we have become aware of significant financial assets held by Fondazzjoni Wens, including over €3 million in bank accounts and an estimated €7 million in property assets. It appears that certain individuals have taken notice of these funds and are maneuvering to gain control over them.

Following multiple allegations against the foundation, Times of Malta published an article that, rather than addressing the real concerns, seemed strategically designed to shift focus and protect the Commissioner for Voluntary Organizations. The article portrayed an image of poor living conditions, relying on manipulated photographs without providing context regarding their origin, timeframe, or authenticity. These misleading representations ignore the positive reality of the residents' well-being, as confirmed by Dr. Silvio Grixti, a medical doctor who regularly attends to them. Furthermore, the article unjustly targeted staff members, causing significant distress among employees who have dedicated themselves to caring for vulnerable individuals.

## **Media and Corporate Ties**

A deeper investigation has revealed concerning connections between Times of Malta, Shift News, and Mr. Jesmond Saliba, the Commissioner for Voluntary Organizations. Mr. Saliba is the founder of Corporate ID Group, a company with evident ties to these media entities. Given these affiliations, it raises legitimate concerns about media bias and whether certain narratives are being influenced by hidden agendas rather than objective journalism.

For reference, please see the following links:

- The Time for Startups is Now
- Corporate ID Group Core Team



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### **Conclusion**

The voluntary sector should exist to protect and support vulnerable individuals, not to serve as a battleground for political and financial interests. It is deeply concerning that organizations like ours, which genuinely seek to help those in need, face resistance for refusing to conform to questionable practices.

I urge the relevant authorities to take these concerns seriously and ensure that the voluntary sector operates with transparency, integrity, and genuine dedication to the well-being of vulnerable individuals.

I remain available for any further discussion on this matter.

#### Best regards,



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