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## **Media Release**

### **MEA appeals for urgent solution to new unimplementable Identita' requirement**

The MEA today appealed to Identita' to find a timely solution to this matter involving its new requirement for property lease agreements to be officially attested by a Notary, Lawyer, or Legal Procurator, now that the Notarial Council and Kamra tal-Avukati have precluded their members from doing so.

The MEA said that this new measure had already introduced an additional layer of verification, hence, administrative burden which was tolerated given that it was aimed at further enhancing the Residence Permit application process.

However, now this measure cannot be adhered to and the MEA is concerned that its members and their business operations are at risk because they are not able to apply for new work permits and/or renewals for employees, some of whom may have invested heavily in and are now at risk of being repatriated through no fault of their own.

The MEA offered its assistance in seeking the necessary solutions if required but asked for urgent temporary measures to guide employers' accordingly.