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The Right to Conscientious Objection in Europe: A Review of the Current Situation

Country Report: MALTA

Conscription

Conscription has never existed in Malta. The armed forces comprise 2,140 troops and consist of professional soldiers only.

Conscientious objection

There are no legal provisions for conscientious objection for professional soldiers. The government stated in 1988 that: "As military service is voluntary, the question of 'conscientious objection' does not arise".¹

¹ United Nations Commission on Human Rights, Report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.4/1989/30).