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The Gozo Tourism Association welcomes the Government's commitment towards more connectivity to Gozo with the introduction of an air link between the two islands. This statement was reiterated by the Prime Minister Dr. Robert Abela during this weekend in Ghajnsielem.

Furthermore, it is worth noting that this important connectivity infrastructure will be done in a sustainable way by not taking any agricultural land. Meanwhile it is Government intent that the airlink service will be carried out by the private sector.

The Gozo Tourism Association fully understands and is conscious that this project not only serves Gozo through better connectivity, but it will be the catalyst for the creation of new niches and new economic activities.

The Association also notes with satisfaction the Prime Minister's announcement that Government is looking to introduce a new fourth Gozo Channel vessel which will be more environment friendly and with lower emissions.

These are all significant steps towards the inter islands connectivity adding more improvements to Gozo's accessibility. An all year round, island tourist destination, like Gozo, can only be saleable if there are reliable, consistent, effective and cost sensitive types of connectivity from and to the mainland and from the outside world.

Finally, it is also the Gozo Tourism Association's satisfaction to note that one of its connectivity measures proposed along the years is on the course to be realised. -END-