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Cypriot High Commissioner meets Speaker Farrugia

High Commissioner of the Republic of Cyprus Minas A. Hadjimichael paid a courtesy visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia highlighted the excellent and cordial bilateral relations that exist between Malta and Cyprus, which go back well before diplomatic relations were established on 13 September 1972. He noted that the Maltese started settling in Cyprus in the second half of the nineteenth century, when Sir Adrian Dingli, Crown Advocate of Malta and later Malta's first Chief Justice, initiated the process of migration to Cyprus when he submitted a memorandum to the Governor of Malta in 1860.

Speaker Farrugia spoke about his official visit to the Republic of Cyprus in July 2015 when he even addressed a special plenary meeting of the Cypriot House of Representatives.

Speaker Farrugia and High Commissioner Hadjimichael discussed issues of mutual interest, including migration, maritime, and cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries.

The Cyprus question also featured in the talks, with Speaker Farrugia reiterating Malta's unwavering support for the independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity of Cyprus. He said that Malta remains supportive of Cyprus securing an agreement on reunification based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federal state, which would be a fair and just solution, acceptable to both communities.