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Speaker Farrugia receives new Brazilian Ambassador

Late this morning, Speaker Anġlu Farrugia received Hélio Vitor Ramos Filho, the new Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

Speaker Farrugia referred to the cordial relations that exist between Malta and Brazil following the establishment of diplomatic relations almost 45 years ago, precisely on 23rd June 1975. He said that there were more than 80 Maltese nationals living in Brazil, the majority of whom were Maltese missionaries who were carrying out sterling work in that country. He noted that over 10,000 Brazilian tourists visited Malta in 2018, while more than 4,000 Brazilian students came to Malta to study English.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest, including cooperation between the Parliaments of the two countries. Speaker Farrugia referred to the 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments to be held in Vienna in August 2020 and looked forward to meet his Brazilian counterpart during the said conference.

The relations between the EU and Brazil featured in the discussion as well as the successful conclusions of a Free Trade Agreement reached last June between the EU and MERCOSUR which will provide EU companies with increased access to the MERCOSUR markets (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) in terms of tariff and non-tariff barriers, services and investment.

Hélio Vitor Ramos Filho, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil, was accompanied by Felipe Neves Caetano, Second Secretary.