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The Speaker of the House of Representatives addresses the virtual Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia is participating in the first part of the Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament organised by the IPU in partnership with the Parliament of Austria and the United Nations, which is taking place virtually on 19 and 20 August 2020. Over 150 Speakers of parliament have been invited to join other parliamentarians, experts and United Nations representatives to mobilize the international parliamentary community to take action on the health, climate and economic crises facing the people and planet.

Originally planned to take place in Vienna, Austria, under the overall theme of parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet, the physical conference has been postponed to 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, instead, the Speakers are meeting virtually to discuss parliamentary responses to the pandemic as well as themes including global governance, sustainable economies and the climate emergency.

The conference will also include a special virtual event on countering terrorism and violent extremism on the eve of International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism on 21 August. The World Conference of Speakers of Parliament takes place every five years and is organised in cooperation with the United Nations with the objective of reinforcing the parliamentary dimension of global governance.