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Speaker Farrugia meets Chairman of the High Council of State al-Mishri

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia received a courtesy visit by Khalid al-Mishri, Chairman of the High Council of State of Libya.

Speaker Farrugia welcomed the Libyan delegation from the High Council of State and referred to the cordial and friendly relations that exist between the two countries, established diplomatically in June 1965. He said that the first bilateral agreement between Malta and Libya was signed in 1968 and to date 50 such agreements have been signed, which have served to enhance these relations.

Speaker Farrugia recalled his meeting with members of the Tobruk Parliament, which took place in Moscow in July 2019 on the fringes of the 2nd International Forum – Development of Parliamentarism. He said that, during the said meeting, it was agreed that the Maltese Parliament would mediate between the Tobruk Parliament and the General National Congress of Libya. He emphasised that Malta has and will continue to support a Libyan-owned and Libyan-led solution as the only means for a successful political transition.

Chairman al-Mishri elaborated on the High Council of State, the Libyan Political Agreement and the importance of the Libyan institutions, such as the Central Bank of Libya, to function normally. He welcomed the seizure by Malta of the counterfeit Libyan currency as well as armaments.

Speaker Farrugia and Chairman al-Mishri discussed issues of mutual interest, particularly the latest developments in Libya, the investments by the Maltese in Libya, peace in the Mediterranean and parliamentary setup.

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia was accompanied by Ancel Farrugia Migneco, Private Secretary to the Speaker; Eleanor Scerri, Director, International Relations, HoR; Peter Paul Mallia, Director, HoR; and Mr Giovanni Miceli, Adviser, International Relations, HoR.

Chairman of the High Council of State Khalid al-Mishri was accompanied by Mohamed Bagi, First Deputy of the Chairman; Ahmed Saleh, Member of the High Council of State; Naemah Alhami, Member of the High Council of State; and Yousef Lahwil, Member of the High Council of State.