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Speaker Farrugia receives Swiss Ambassador on a farewell call

Speaker Anglu Farrugia received a farewell call from Rita Adam, Ambassador of the Swiss Confederation.

Speaker Farrugia welcomed Ambassador Adam and expressed his appreciation for her sterling work during her tenure in office, through which the existing excellent relations between Malta and Switzerland, established on 25th March 1966, were further enhanced. He recalled his call on the then Swiss President Schneider-Ammann during the latter's state visit to Malta in September 2016.

Speaker Farrugia expressed Malta's gratitude for the assistance given by Switzerland, particularly the commitment of the Swiss Government to MEDAC, its co-operation in the activities of IMLI, the IJJ and the EASO, as well as its partnership with the Diplo Foundation. He also mentioned the number of Maltese citizens living in Switzerland and roughly the same number of Swiss citizens living in Malta.

Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Adam spoke about the collaboration between Malta and Switzerland in view of their shared ambition to form part of the UN Security Council as non-permanent members between 2023 and 2024.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest, such as relations between the respective parliaments and the political situation in Malta.

Ambassador Rita Adam was accompanied by Andrea Clementi, Deputy Head of the Economic Section, at the Embassy of Switzerland in Rome.