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### *Speaker Farrugia meets the new Ghanaian High Commissioner*

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia met the new High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana Barbara Akoukor Benisa, who is resident in Malta.

Speaker Farrugia referred to cordial relations between Malta and Ghana, following their establishment in February 1974. These relations were enhanced with former President Coleiro Preca's state visit to Ghana in July 2017 and the Ghanaian President's state visit to Malta in March 2018. The Speaker expressed his sympathies to the Ghanaian community in Malta following the stabbing and death of a Ghanaian youth two weeks ago.

Speaker Farrugia noted that the Maltese Foreign Ministry has co-financed two projects in Ghana, namely the 'HopeXchange Medical Centre' in Kumasi, Ghana, and the 'Construction of a Refectory and Dormitory for a children's village' in Ashaiman, Ghana.

Speaker Farrugia and High Commissioner Benisa discussed issues of mutual interest, such as trade, with particular reference to a number of Maltese companies operating in Ghana. They also spoke about parliamentary cooperation through the establishment of a parliamentary friendship group.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, which is due to meet in Ghana next year, COVID-19, and the relations between the EU and Ghana also featured in the talks.

The High Commissioner of the Republic of Ghana was accompanied by Amanor T. Daku-Mante, Minister/Head of Chancery, High Commission of the Republic of Ghana to Malta.