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## **PRESS RELEASE BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**

### *Speaker Farrugia receives French Ambassador on a farewell call*

Speaker Anglu Farrugia received a farewell visit from Ms Brigitte Curmi, whose tenure of office as Ambassador of the French Republic to Malta will soon be coming to an end.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation to Ambassador Curmi for her valuable work during her tenure of office, whereby the long-standing relations between Malta and France, established diplomatically on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1964, have been further enhanced.

Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Curmi spoke about the Maltese diaspora living in France and the French citizens working in Malta. Speaker Farrugia referred to the several prominent Maltese descendants who reside or have resided in France, mentioning in particular, the late Edgar Pisani, who served as Minister of Agriculture between 1961 and 1966.

Ambassador Curmi referred to the Scientific Symposium on Franco-Maltese Relations, which was co-organised by the French Embassy and the Office of the President of Malta, which was held virtually last May.

The two dignitaries also spoke about issues of mutual interest such as co-operation at Parliamentary level, with particular reference to the recent formation of the Malta-France Parliamentary Friendship Group. The Daphne Caruana Galizia report and last Friday's Parliamentary debate on this report also featured in the discussion.