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Speaker Farrugia receives a courtesy call by the new Ambassador of The Netherlands

The new Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands Divera Gerritdina Anna Afra El Adimi-Koekkoek paid a courtesy visit to Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia mentioned the excellent relations between The Netherlands and Malta, not least since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1965.

Speaker Farrugia also recalled the excellent and fruitful cooperation between the Maltese Parliament and the Staaten-Generaal of the Netherlands in 2016-2017 during the trio Presidency of the Council of the European Union as well as the visit to Malta by the Speakers of the Staaten-General in 2017.

Both dignitaries remarked that thanks to their tolerant and accepting nature, the people of Malta and The Netherlands have managed to preserve their identity and beliefs, despite both being sea-faring nations and situated on major trade routes.

The two dignitaries spoke about the political situation in Northern Africa, notably in Libya, and agreed on the need to find a swift and peaceful solution to achieve stability in the region as well as in the periphery of the European Union.