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***Speaker Farrugia receives Mozambique High Commissioner on farewell call***

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia received a farewell call from HE Mr César Francisco de Gouveia Junior, High Commissioner of the Republic of Mozambique, whose term of office is coming to an end.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation for the High Commissioner's hard work in enhancing the already cordial relations that exist between Malta and Mozambique, which relations were established diplomatically on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

Speaker Farrugia referred to the forthcoming Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth which is due to meet in Canberra this coming January and expressed the hope of bilaterally meeting his Mozambican counterpart during the said conference. He noted the various educational opportunities offered by Malta, namely MEDAC, IMLI, ITS and the Medical School, as well as the teaching of the English language.

High Commissioner de Gouveia Junior referred to tourism as another area of cooperation and to his discussions with the Maltese private sector to build a school for tourism in Mozambique. He also mentioned the need for boats to transfer cargo from the south coast to the north coast of Mozambique and vice-versa, adding that his country was in the process of exporting gas.