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Speaker Farrugia meets the new Kenyan high commissioner

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia met the new High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya, Jackline Lumumba Yonga and welcomed her to the Maltese Parliament, while remarking on the excellent relations between Malta and Kenya.

Speaker Farrugia spoke about the work of the Maltese Parliament in the various Commonwealth Parliamentary Association fora, especially within the Small Branches of the Commonwealth. He also recalled the CPA Small Branches Climate Change workshop held in collaboration with UNEP in Kenya in October 2018, under his presidency of the Small Branches, noting that this workshop dealt primarily with the impact of climate change on small jurisdictions.

Among the aspects of the work of the Maltese Parliament that were discussed was the constitutional mechanism that was triggered for the first time in the March 2022 election, whereby an additional 12 female MPs were elected to the House of Representatives in a bid to improve the female participation rate of the Maltese Parliament. Lumumba Yonga noted that a gender quota mechanism exists in Kenya and remarked that this could be one area of cooperation between the two parliaments.

Speaker Farrugia also referred to the important work of the Maltese missionaries who have been serving in Kenya for many years, which was acknowledged and appreciated by Lumumba Yonga.

During the courtesy call, Lumumba Yonga was accompanied by Mr Edward Mwangi, Minister Counsellor in the Kenyan Embassy in Rome.