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

### *Ambassador of Lithuania, Dalia Kreiviene, pays a courtesy visit to Mr Speaker*

Ambassador of Lithuania, Dalia Kreiviene, paid a courtesy visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anġlu Farrugia.

Following the usual courtesies, the Speaker congratulated the Ambassador for her appointment as Lithuania's Ambassador to Malta. Speaker Farrugia referred to the good and friendly bilateral relations between Malta and Lithuania and recalled the fruitful meeting between Malta's foreign minister and the deputy finance minister of Lithuania in February 2023.

The Speaker recalled the parliamentary exchanges between both countries, citing the visit of a Lithuanian parliamentary delegation to Malta in May 2007 as guests of the Maltese Parliament and the visit of the Maltese Foreign Affairs Committee to Vilnius in June 2006. These exchanges help to improve bilateral relations between both countries as well as solidify understanding and cooperation between their respective parliaments.

Dr Farrugia stressed that Malta welcomes all possible options to explore business opportunities with Lithuania, and both sides should work towards increasing trade flows and promoting interactivity between their respective commercial stakeholders. In addition, the Speaker outlined that Malta's ambition to serve on the United Nations Security Council stems from its willingness to meaningfully contribute towards the maintenance of international peace and security. Despite global challenges, Malta is committed to increasing its efforts aimed at enhancing international understanding and adherence to the rule-based international order.

The Ambassador acknowledged the efforts and role Malta is playing as a non-permanent member on the United Nations Security Council and positively recognized Malta's agenda based on three principles of Sustainability, Security and Solidarity and, is looking forward to continuing to work towards the enhancement of relations between Malta and Lithuania.