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Speaker Anġlu Farrugia leads Maltese Parliamentary Delegation attending the 52nd British Isles and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) in London, UK

A delegation, led by Speaker Anġlu Farrugia, attended the fifty-second CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region Conference, held between 25 and 27 April 2023 in London, United Kingdom. The delegation was also composed of MP Carmelo Abela, MP Justin Schembri and MP Graziella Attard Previ, who attended the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians as a representative of the Maltese Parliament and the Steering Committee. The CPA UK branch welcomed forty-two delegates from the legislatures of Alderney, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Jersey, Malta, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

The theme chosen for the three-day programme was “Inclusive Parliaments” and focused on creating and sustaining diverse and inclusive parliaments and tackling the climate emergency as well as parliamentary scrutiny, best practice and procedure. The sessions discussed concerning the inclusivity of Parliaments, workplace equality and their networks, Parliamentary standards and behaviour, Parliamentary movements to for the climate emergency.

The Maltese delegation took an active part and contributed in the various plenary sessions. The programme also featured contributions from a range of expert speakers, including Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, UK Parliament, Karen Bradley, Chair of the House of Commons Procedure Committee and Stephen Twigg, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretary-General.

During the Annual General Meeting, the BIMR Regional Secretary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK and BIMR Jon Davies, gave an update on the Commonwealth Association of Parliamentarians, which included future conferences and other events.