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A delegation from the Ivory Coast meets with David Agius, Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives

A delegation from the Ivory Coast, led by Blaise N'Dede and composed of parliamentarians and businesspeople, met the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representative, David Agius.

After welcoming the delegation, the Deputy Speaker outlined the business opportunities that could be explored between Malta and the Ivory Coast. Agius indicated various sectors namely agro-processing and agricultural services, energy, cultural exchanges and telecommunication. Additionally, the Deputy Speaker stressed that pharmaceuticals can be an attractive Maltese export to the Ivory Coast.

In this context, the Deputy Speaker expressed Malta's willingness to promote trade exchanges and the further exploration of commercial avenues with the Ivory Coast. Both sides need to work harder to bring about increased interaction between the respective business communities. He also suggested that Malta and the Ivory Coast should explore the possibility of setting up the Malta/Ivory Parliamentary Friendship Group. The group can be instrumental to promote and enhance the relationship between respective Parliaments.

The Deputy Speaker also outlined the structure of the Maltese Parliament as well as other institutions in Malta that form part of the separation of powers mechanism. He also explained Malta active role in the various multilateral organizations like the European Union, OSCE, IPU, the Commonwealth and the United Nations.

Blaise, whilst thanking the Deputy Speaker for hosting the meeting, informed that the Ivory Coast Parliament is envisaging sending a parliamentarian/trade delegation to Malta in November 2023.