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The Ambassador of Israel calls on the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Ambassador of Israel Zeev Boker called on Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia. Both dignitaries held a frank and concrete exchange of views on a number of issues relevant to the bilateral relations between Malta and Israel as well as regional issues.

The Ambassador referred to the current challenges in the Middle East in particular the conflict between Israel and Hamas.

The Speaker recalled Malta's efforts in the United Nations Security Council and the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2712 tabled by Malta. The key components of the resolution included a call for urgent and extended humanitarian pauses and corridors throughout Gaza and the call for the immediate and unconditional release of hostages. Speaker Farrugia stressed that Malta's efforts in the UNSC is a clear reflection of the country's efforts to alleviate the suffering of civilians and possibly the first step towards a ceasefire.

Speaker Farrugia also referred to his letter to the Speaker of the Knesset and the letter by the Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs to the Israeli Ambassador in October 2023, wherein they expressed their condemnation regarding Hamas' actions which are of concern to Israel and the international community. Additionally, they expressed their concern to the well-being of civilians including women and children in Gaza.

The Speaker stressed that the only viable path towards peace remains clear – a just and comprehensive resolution of the conflict where violent acts have no place.