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The Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan pays a courtesy visit to the Speaker

Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan Rashad Aslanov paid a courtesy visit to Speaker of the House of Representatives Dr Anġlu Farrugia.

In his introductory remarks, the Speaker welcomed the excellent bilateral ties between Malta and Azerbaijan and expressed his wish to build upon the longstanding relationship in new areas of cooperation like pharmaceuticals, tourism, education, IT, and the services sector.

Dr Farrugia recalled the meeting he had with the Azeri Special Envoy of the President, Elchin Amirbajov, in September 2023 wherein bilateral, Parliamentary, and regional issues were discussed. He reiterated that the relationship between respective Parliaments is strong and both sides should continue their excellent work within the multilateral sphere.

Referring to the regional challenges, Speaker Farrugia stated that Malta remains unequivocal in its full support of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan, however, it is imperative that all stakeholders should engage in a constructive dialogue aimed at the normalisation of relations and the procurement of peace and stability in the region.

The Speaker also referred to Malta's recent initiative in the United Nations Security Council, in particular the adoption of a resolution on the Middle East to secure humanitarian assistance in Gaza.