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

### *The Deputy Speaker receives the Ambassador of Colombia*

Deputy Speaker David Agius MP received new Ambassador of Colombia to Malta Ligia Margarita Quessep Bitar.

After welcoming the Ambassador, the Deputy Speaker referred to the cordial relations that exist between Malta and Colombia and expressed his belief for a wider scope to deepen cooperation between both countries. He also outlined that Malta's foreign policy objective is to strengthen transatlantic relations with Latin America countries including Colombia.

Deputy Speaker David Agius referred to several pending issues between Malta and Colombia particularly in the aviation and educational sectors. He urged the Colombian authorities to expedite the conclusion of pending bilateral agreements. Additionally, the Deputy Speaker suggested the setting up of the Malta/Colombia Parliamentary Friendship Group which could serve as an instrument to ameliorate the relationship between respective Parliaments and facilitate the promotion of commercial, social and cultural activities.

The Ambassador welcomed the Deputy Speaker's remarks and promised to work towards the amelioration of relations between Malta and Colombia.