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The Speaker of the House of Representatives attends the 75th Anniversary of the Commonwealth of Nations held in London

On the invitation of the Speaker of the House of Commons Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia is attending the 75th Anniversary of the Commonwealth of Nations – Special celebration and Summit being held in London on 11-12 March 2024.

The celebration is an opportunity to celebrate the Commonwealth, including a special service at Westminster Abbey, a wreath-laying ceremony at the Commonwealth Memorial to commemorate those who have died from the Commonwealth, and honours those who have served to defend the democratic freedom and way of life.

At the end of the summit, the Commonwealth Speakers adopted a Communique to mark the 75th anniversary of the organisation.

Addressing the event, Speaker Farrugia referred to the Commonwealth as a diverse family of nations, spanning continents, cultures and histories and citing unity based on the commitment to uphold fundamental principles including democracy, human rights, and the rule of law. He also spoke about the history of the Commonwealth in promoting peace, development and cooperation among its members and its commitment to promote sustainable development, education, and health care which led to tangible improvement in the lives of millions.

The Speaker stressed that celebrating this milestone, one should not only look back on the achievements but also look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

Speaker Farrugia will also attend a conference organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. During this event the Speaker will address the main issues namely the forthcoming 67th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference scheduled to be held in Sydney, Australia in November 2024 and, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting to be held in Samoa in October 2024.