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Speaker of the House of Representatives receives courtesy visit from the Swedish Ambassador

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia welcomed the Swedish Ambassador to Malta, Per Holmstrom, for a fruitful discussion aimed at strengthening the bilateral relations between Malta and Sweden.

During the meeting, Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Holmstrom highlighted the longstanding ties between the two countries and expressed their commitment to further enhancing these relations. The discussion covered a broad range of topics, including cultural exchanges, trade, and commercial collaboration.

Both parties emphasised the importance of cultural exchange programs, which could significantly contribute to mutual understanding and respect. On the economic front, the meeting underscored the potential for increased trade and investment between Malta and Sweden. Dr Farrugia pointed out Malta's strategic position within the European Union and its robust economic environment as a gateway for Swedish businesses looking to expand in the Mediterranean region. Ambassador Holmstrom highlighted Sweden's technological advancements and expressed interest in collaborating on innovation and sustainability projects.

A significant portion of the discussion was dedicated to Malta's current chairmanship of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). The Speaker detailed Malta's priorities and initiatives during its chairmanship, emphasising the importance of collective security, human rights, and sustainable development. Ambassador Holmstrom praised Malta's leadership and reaffirmed Sweden's support for the OSCE's goals.

Both Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Holmstrom agreed on the necessity of continuous dialogue and cooperation to address global challenges and promote peace and stability. They concluded the meeting with a mutual commitment to fostering stronger bilateral ties and exploring new areas of partnership.

This meeting marks a significant step in the ongoing collaboration between Malta and Sweden, paving the way for deeper cultural, economic, and political ties.