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Swiss Ambassador pays a courtesy call upon the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia held a productive meeting with the Swiss Ambassador to Malta, Manuela Elisabeth Leimgruber, focusing on enhancing the robust bilateral relations between Malta and Switzerland.

The discussion commenced with both parties reaffirming their commitment to strengthening the longstanding ties between Malta and Switzerland. Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Leimgruber explored various avenues for deepening cooperation in multiple sectors, including cultural exchanges, trade, and economic collaboration.

The Speaker highlighted the successful cooperation between the Permanent Representations of Malta and Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. Both representatives acknowledged the importance of continuing this close partnership to address global challenges and promote mutual interests within the UN framework. Ambassador Leimgruber emphasised Switzerland's dedication to supporting Malta's initiatives and enhancing collaborative efforts on international platforms.

A key topic of discussion was the financial contribution by Switzerland to Malta under the Swiss Contribution Framework Agreement. Speaker Anglu Farrugia expressed gratitude for Switzerland's support, which has significantly contributed to various developmental projects in Malta. Ambassador Leimgruber reaffirmed Switzerland's commitment to furthering this financial cooperation, ensuring that the contributions are utilised effectively for the benefit of both nations.

Cultural exchanges were also a focal point of the meeting. On the economic front, the discussion highlighted the potential for expanding trade and commercial ties between the two countries. The Speaker pointed out Malta's favourable business environment and strategic location as an ideal gateway for Swiss companies looking to enter the Mediterranean market. Ambassador Leimgruber expressed Switzerland's interest in increasing trade exchanges and investments, particularly in areas such as finance, technology, and sustainable development.

The meeting concluded with both parties expressing their optimism for the future of Malta-Switzerland relations. Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Leimgruber agreed on the importance of maintaining regular dialogue and cooperation to explore new areas of partnership and address common challenges.