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Meeting between Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Anġlu Farrugia, and British Labour Party politician, Kevin Bonavia

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Anġlu Farrugia, welcomed Kevin Bonavia, a serving British Labour Party politician and Member of Parliament for Stevenage, at the Parliament of Malta. The meeting underscored the strong ties between Malta and the United Kingdom, built upon a rich history and common values shared between the two nations.

During the discussions, the Speaker and Mr Bonavia exchanged views on a range of issues of mutual interest, including the importance of fostering bilateral relations in areas such as education, cultural exchange, and the Maltese diaspora in the UK. They also highlighted the significance of continued cooperation in the face of global challenges, such as climate change, security, and the post-Brexit landscape.

Kevin Bonavia, who was born to a Maltese father and a Scottish mother and spent part of his childhood in Rabat, Malta, expressed his strong personal connection to the country. His unique background provides him with a deep appreciation of both Maltese and British cultures, enabling him to serve as a bridge between the two nations.

Dr Farrugia praised Kevin Bonavia's dedication to public service and his efforts to strengthen ties with Malta. He noted that Bonavia's heritage and connection to the island are invaluable assets in promoting stronger collaboration between Malta and the United Kingdom.

Both dignitaries acknowledged the importance of deepening cooperation between parliaments and maintaining open channels of dialogue to address shared priorities. The meeting concluded with a commitment to continue working closely on issues of common concern and to explore new opportunities for engagement between Malta and the UK, especially the fostering of relations between the Parliament of Malta and the House of Commons.