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

### *Ambassador of Finland to Malta pays a courtesy visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives*

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia met with the newly appointed Ambassador of Finland to Malta Matti Lassila. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss key areas of cooperation and strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

During their discussions, Speaker Anglu Farrugia and Ambassador Matti Lassila expressed a commitment to enhancing the longstanding friendship between Malta and Finland. They recognised the importance of diplomatic dialogue and collaboration in various sectors. They also highlighted the potential for cultural exchange programs and educational partnerships. Speaker Anglu Farrugia emphasised the role of education in fostering mutual understanding and cooperation, while Ambassador Matti Lassila expressed Finland's interest in working towards the enhancement of cooperation in the education sphere with Malta.

The meeting also addressed opportunities for strengthening commercial ties. Both parties acknowledged the potential for increased trade and investment, particularly in sectors such as technology, sustainability, and tourism.

The Speaker welcomed the ambassador and expressed hope for a fruitful collaboration that would benefit both nations. He also reaffirmed Malta's commitment to working closely with Finland to explore new avenues of cooperation.

The ambassador expressed his appreciation for the warm welcome and reiterated Finland's eagerness to deepen bilateral relations, especially in the areas of culture, education, and commerce.