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Meeting between the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the German Parliamentary Friendship Group

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia met with the German Parliamentary Friendship Group to discuss a range of bilateral and multilateral issues pertinent to both nations.

The meeting, held at the Parliament building, provided a platform for the delegations to explore collaborative efforts aimed at strengthening ties between Malta and Germany. Key topics included Germany's vital contributions to and support for the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies, highlighting the importance of fostering diplomatic skills and education in the region.

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia emphasised the value of cultural and educational exchanges, noting that these initiatives enhance mutual understanding and cooperation between the two countries. The discussions underscored the role of parliamentary friendship groups in promoting dialogue and collaboration on shared challenges.

Specifically on regional issues and climate change, the Speaker stressed the importance of dialogue aimed at reaching a ceasefire leading to peace. He also recalled Malta's initiative at the United Nations through UNSC Resolution 2072 on the situation in Gaza. Nonetheless, the situation in the Middle East has worsened.

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia recalled Malta's longstanding position on climate change in the United Nations dating back to 1989, which eventually led to the establishment of UNCLOS. Domestically, Malta has embarked on several green initiatives like the transformation from fossil fuels to gas to generate energy as well as incentives to invest in solar energy. He also remarked that three fourths of the energy generated by the international community is not used.

The delegations expressed a commitment to working together on issues that impact both nations, with a focus on regional stability and cultural enrichment.

This meeting marks a continued effort to deepen relations and promote a spirit of cooperation between Malta and Germany, reinforcing the importance of strong diplomatic ties in addressing contemporary global challenges.