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### *Meeting between Speaker Anġlu Farrugia and the Council for the Maltese Living Abroad*

The Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia welcomed members of the Council for the Maltese Living Abroad to discuss the interests and concerns of the Maltese diaspora. The meeting aimed to strengthen ties between the government and the Maltese community residing abroad, highlighting the importance of their contributions to the nation.

During the meeting, the Speaker expressed his appreciation for the role the Maltese living overseas play in promoting Malta's culture, economy, and heritage. He emphasized the government's commitment to addressing the needs of these communities, ensuring they remain connected to their roots while thriving in their host countries.

The members of the Council present for the meeting, referred to various initiatives aimed at enhancing the engagement of Maltese citizens living abroad. Topics discussed included access to consular services, representation in national affairs, and support for cultural initiatives that celebrate Maltese identity.

The Speaker acknowledged the challenges faced by the Maltese diaspora, particularly in navigating bureaucratic processes and maintaining cultural ties. He reassured the Council of the government's dedication to improving these aspects and fostering a more inclusive environment for all Maltese citizens, regardless of where they reside.

The meeting concluded with a commitment to ongoing dialogue and collaboration between the House of Representatives and the Council for the Maltese Living Abroad. Both parties agreed to work together on initiatives that will further empower the Maltese community and ensure their voices are heard in national discussions.