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### ***Speaker of the House of Representatives receives new High Commissioner of Kenya to Malta***

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anġlu Farrugia, received the newly appointed High Commissioner of Kenya to Malta, Fredrick Lusambili Matwang'a. The meeting provided an opportunity for both dignitaries to discuss and strengthen the longstanding bilateral relations between Malta and Kenya.

During the discussions, both sides highlighted the importance of the collaboration between their countries, with a special focus on educational exchange and development assistance. Speaker Farrugia and Matwang'a referred to the number of Kenyan students attending and graduating from the International Maritime Law Institute (IMLI) in Malta, as well as the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC). These institutions have been instrumental in fostering academic and professional ties between Malta and Kenya, with several Kenyan nationals pursuing advanced studies in maritime law and diplomacy, contributing to their professional development and international cooperation.

Both officials also acknowledged the crucial role of Malta's overseas development aid to Kenya, which has been channelled into vital infrastructure projects. Malta's support has contributed to the establishment of schools, youth centres, nurseries, and HIV/AIDS clinics, all aimed at improving the quality of life for local communities in Kenya. These initiatives are a testament to the strong solidarity between the two nations and their shared commitment to sustainable development.

In closing, Speaker Anġlu Farrugia expressed Malta's ongoing commitment to deepening ties with Kenya across various sectors. The High Commissioner, in turn, reaffirmed Kenya's appreciation for Malta's support and the positive impact it has had on the country's development efforts.