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Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anġlu Farrugia, meets with United Nations Counter-Terrorism Evaluation Team

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Anġlu Farrugia, met with the evaluation team of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee, led by its Assistant Secretary General and Executive Director, Dr Natalia Gherman. The discussions focused on Malta's ongoing efforts and commitments in combating terrorism and implementing various United Nations Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism.

The United Nations delegation also included the Special Assistant to the Executive Director, the Chief of Section for Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East, two Senior Legal Officers and Coordinators and three Legal Officers.

The visit of the UN evaluation team had several key objectives, including following up on Malta's progress in implementing recommendations from the Committee's 2014 visit and assessing the country's adherence to several Security Council resolutions. Furthermore, the evaluation team aimed to identify best practices in Malta's counter-terrorism measures and explore areas where further technical assistance may be beneficial.

During the discussions, Speaker Farrugia reaffirmed Malta's dedication to upholding international security standards and fostering regional and global cooperation in combating terrorism. He also highlighted Malta's commitment to implementing effective counter-terrorism strategies, legislative measures, and judicial practices.

Speaker of the House Anġlu Farrugia emphasized Malta's readiness to share its good practices with other Member States while remaining open to receiving technical support where necessary. He reiterated Malta's unwavering commitment to international peace and security, stating that the country will continue working closely with the United Nations and other international bodies to combat terrorism effectively.

The meeting recognized the importance of continuous dialogue and cooperation in tackling the evolving threats of terrorism while upholding fundamental rights and freedoms.