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Deputy Speaker David Agius welcomes the Ambassador of Paraguay on courtesy visit

The Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, David Agius, today received María José Argaña Mateu, Ambassador of the Republic of Paraguay to the Republic of Malta, during a courtesy call held at the Parliament of Malta.

Deputy Speaker Agius extended a warm welcome to Ambassador Argaña Mateu ahead of the official presentation of her letters of credence later this month. He conveyed Malta's commitment to strengthening bilateral ties and enhancing cooperation between the two countries, noting the positive trajectory of relations since diplomatic ties were formally established in 2004.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed the growing scope for collaboration in areas such as trade, investment, culture, and education. Deputy Speaker Agius highlighted Malta's openness to exploring new avenues for engagement, particularly in commercial exchanges and people-to-people contact.

Ambassador Argaña Mateu spoke of the flourishing economic situation in Paraguay and she also mentioned the excellent way in which Paraguay is tackling climate change, particularly through clean and renewable energy.

Both sides expressed their wish to continue bilateral relations and agreed upon the setting up of a Parliamentary Friendship Group between Malta and Paraguay.

Ambassador Argaña Mateu expressed her appreciation for Malta's continued engagement and outlined Paraguay's interest in deepening bilateral and multilateral cooperation, particularly in the context of emerging opportunities under regional and international initiatives.