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Speaker of the House of Representatives underscores Malta's role and national identity at Malta Day celebration in New York

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Anġlu Farrugia, delivered a keynote address during Malta Day celebrations held in New York. The event was organised by Malta's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Natasha Meli, together with the Consul General of Malta in New York.

In his remarks, Speaker Farrugia expressed gratitude to Meli and Consul General Denise Demicoli for their leadership and continued dedication in representing Malta at the international level. Addressing an audience of dignitaries, Maltese and Gozitan nationals, and friends of Malta, he underlined the significance of Malta Day as a moment to honour national identity, sovereignty, and shared values.

Speaker Farrugia highlighted Malta's longstanding commitment to global peace, dialogue, and solidarity—principles that continue to define its active role within the United Nations. He recalled Malta's historic contribution in 1967, when Ambassador Arvid Pardo introduced the concept of the oceans as the “common heritage of mankind,” a milestone that helped shape the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. He noted that this legacy continues to guide Malta's engagement within the UN system.

The Speaker reaffirmed Malta's determination to remain at the forefront of key global priorities, including climate change, ocean protection, the safeguarding of children in armed conflict, and the promotion of the rights and dignity of older persons. He stated that these areas of work reflect Malta's enduring values as a maritime and humanitarian nation with a clear sense of international responsibility.

Speaker Farrugia also acknowledged the achievements of the Maltese and Gozitan community in the United States, noting their strong and enduring connection to their homeland. He described them as “ambassadors of Malta in their own right,” who continue to uphold the country's traditions, language, and cultural identity across generations.

The event concluded with a call for unity and shared purpose, with Speaker Farrugia encouraging all present to continue honouring Malta's heritage while contributing positively to a more peaceful and stable world.