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The President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, pays her first visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives

The President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, paid her first official visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Carmelo Abela, at the Parliament building in Malta.

The meeting provided an opportunity to exchange views on a range of strategic issues concerning the European Union, EU–Africa relations, Ukraine, security, economic competitiveness and energy policy, as well as relations between the European Union and third countries and the challenges and opportunities shaping their engagement. The Speaker underscored the importance of the European Union upholding democracy, the rule of law, and international law while safeguarding its citizens' security and prosperity. He emphasised that EU enlargement should remain contingent upon tangible reforms and adherence to European values.

Abela also briefed Metsola on the work of the Parliament of Malta and his recent bilateral meetings, emphasising the importance of ongoing dialogue and strengthening cooperation between the Maltese and European Parliaments.

Regarding Africa, the Speaker highlighted the importance of fostering a partnership founded on sustainable investment, employment generation and cooperation on migration. He also stressed the need for equitable burden-sharing and collective responsibility among EU Member States.

The Speaker reiterated Malta's commitment to multilateralism, dialogue and parliamentary diplomacy. He also underscored the European Parliament's pivotal role in promoting democratic accountability and ensuring EU policies remain responsive to European citizens' needs and concerns.

For her part, the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola, invited Speaker Abela to visit the European Parliament, reaffirming the importance of continued dialogue and closer cooperation between the two institutions.