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Speaker of the House meets Malta Employers' Association to strengthen dialogue with social partners

Speaker of the House of Representatives Carmelo Abela met with Malta Employers' Association (MEA) President Ivan Refalo and the association's Director General, Kevin J. Borg, as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen engagement with social partners.

During the meeting, the importance of further strengthening Parliament's ties with organisations and entities that play a significant role in the country's economic and social life was highlighted, particularly those representing social partners. The initiative forms part of a broader commitment to making Parliament increasingly open, accessible and connected to society.

Discussions focused on the work of Parliament, with particular emphasis on the role of parliamentary committees, consultation processes and the contribution social partners can make to the examination of issues and proposals affecting the country.

Several matters of mutual interest were also discussed, including the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), industrial relations and other issues relating to the world of work. It was acknowledged that the MEA's experience and expertise could make a significant contribution to enriching parliamentary debate, particularly on economic and social issues affecting businesses, workers and the Maltese economy.

The Speaker stressed that maintaining an ongoing dialogue with social partners was essential to ensuring that Parliament benefits from diverse perspectives and specialised knowledge when addressing issues affecting society.

As part of these efforts to strengthen ties between Parliament and social partners, the Speaker invited the MEA Council to visit Parliament. The visit is intended to give Council members a closer insight into the workings of the institution, parliamentary procedures and the work carried out by parliamentary committees.

The meeting provided a further opportunity to strengthen dialogue between Parliament and the Malta Employers' Association, with a view to promoting greater participation, consultation and cooperation on matters of shared and national interest.