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*Speaker Anġlu Farrugia receives new Egyptian ambassador on a courtesy visit*

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia received Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt Nada Draz on a courtesy visit.

The Speaker welcomed Ambassador Draz and referred to the very close and friendly relations that exist between Malta and Egypt, which were established diplomatically in 1965. He also recalled the relationship that existed between former Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff and former Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in the 1950s.

Both referred to Parliamentary cooperation in both regional and international fora, including in the context of the Parliamentary Assembly – Union for Mediterranean (PA-UfM).

The Maltese diaspora who lived in Egypt, mainly in Alexandria, in the early twentieth century was also mentioned.

The political developments in Egypt, with particular reference to the forthcoming Presidential elections, as well as Egypt's neighbouring countries also featured in the talks between the two dignitaries.