

**MEETING BETWEEN THE HON FRANCIS ZAMMIT DIMECH, CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AND H.E. MR GRIGOL VASHADZE, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF GEORGIA**

During the meeting held today Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010 at the Committee Room, of the House of Representatives, The Palace, Valletta, between the Hon Francis Zammit Dimech, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs, and Mr Girgol Vashadze, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, the discussion focused on among other topics:

- The enhancement of bilateral relations following the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on Bilateral Consultations;
- The Agreement on Cooperation in the sectors of Education, Culture and Science;
- Closer cooperation at international fora;
- Political and economic developments in Georgia and in the Caucasus Region;
- Relations between Georgia, the European Union and NATO; and
- The policy of engagement through cooperation which Georgia was implementing with regard to Abkhazia and Ossetia.

The Foreign Minister of Georgia announced that in the near future a parliamentary delegation from the Committee on Foreign Affairs will be visiting Malta and at the same time he extended an invitation to the Hon Francis Zammit Dimech to lead a parliamentary delegation to Georgia.

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