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*Speaker receives the Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen*

Speaker Anglu Farrugia received a courtesy call from the new Ambassador of the Republic of Yemen Hasan Mohammed Ahmed al-Herd, who is operating through Yemen's office in Tunis.

Speaker Farrugia welcomed the Ambassador and said that relations between the two countries are good. He went on to recall how Malta was present at the celebrations in Yemen in May 1990, marking the unification of North and South Yemen.

Ambassador al-Herd briefed Speaker Farrugia on the situation in Yemen and informed him that at present, the Yemeni Parliament was not functioning, with its Speaker under arrest. He added that, when their Parliament starts functioning again, they will seek Malta's support for Parliamentary diplomacy to enhance the legitimacy of the Yemeni institution.

Speaker Farrugia noted that one had to work hard to protect territorial integrity and sovereignty.

Other issues of mutual interest, such as EU–Yemen relations, also featured in the discussion.

Ambassador Hasan Mohamed Ahmed al-Herd was accompanied by his secretary Miss Soumaya Mohamed Arfaoui.