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## **PRESS RELEASE BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**

### *New Spanish Ambassador pays courtesy visit to Speaker Farrugia*

The new Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Malta Maria Consuelo Femenía Guardiola paid a visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia.

The Speaker welcomed the Spanish Government's decision - that of accepting to take the migrants stranded on rescue ship *MV Aquarius*. He referred to the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1968 and noted that this year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of these bilateral relations between the two countries. He added that Malta and Spain enjoy excellent political ties and increased cooperation and that these relations were further enhanced by various high-level visits.

Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Femenía Guardiola discussed the recent political developments in Spain as well as the international political situation.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest such as trade, commerce, and cultural cooperation. They also mentioned parliamentary cooperation through the formation of a parliamentary friendship group.