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Maltese delegation participates in the BIMR Annual General Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

On Monday 25 June 2018, a Maltese delegation composed of MPs Edward Zammit Lewis and David Agius participated in the Annual General Meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, British Isles and Mediterranean Region (BIMR), which took place in the Parliament House in London, United Kingdom. The meeting, which is organised on a yearly basis, discusses regional matters relating to the British Isles and Mediterranean. The meeting was also attended by delegations from other areas within the region including Alderney, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Scotland and Wales.

Edward Zammit Lewis spoke about a number of recent parliamentary developments. Amongst them were the enactment of the Parliamentary Service Act, which set up an autonomous Parliamentary Service, and the fact that the Maltese Parliament has approved the setup of two new standing committees—one which examines petitions submitted to Parliament either by MPs or by the public, and the other which scrutinises certain public appointments. He also referred to the promulgation of current laws, making particular reference to the amendments to the Embryo Protection Act enacted by Parliament during the previous week.

The meeting was followed by a workshop that tackled ‘Youth Engagement in the Political Process’. During his intervention, David Agius discussed recent developments in Malta, that is, the constitutional amendments and amendments to the General Elections and the European Parliament Elections Acts to extend the right to vote to persons who are sixteen years of age. David Agius also stressed that young voters are not the “voters of the future, but voters of today”, since they may influence the responsibilities of youths in this day and age.