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

### *The Irish ambassador pays farewell visit to Speaker Farrugia*

Ambassador of Ireland Pádraig MacCoscair paid a farewell visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation to Ambassador MacCoscair for his hard work during his posting in Malta, which has intensified the very strong bilateral relations which exist between Malta and Ireland since they were established in June of 1990.

The various high-level meetings which have enhanced the bilateral relations were referenced by the two dignitaries, including last month's meetings in Dublin by Minister for European Affairs and Equality Helena Dalli.

They also discussed issues of mutual interest such as Brexit and the economic activity between the two countries, mainly in the field of investment, having over 400 local firms with Irish shareholding interest.

Cooperation at parliamentary level, especially between the Parliaments of Malta and Ireland, and the Maltese diaspora in Ireland also featured in the discussion.