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Speaker Farrugia receives French Ambassador on a farewell visit

Speaker of the House of Representatives Dr Anglu Farrugia received a farewell visit by Ambassador of the French Republic, Ms Béatrice le Fraper du Hellen, whose term of office in Malta is coming to an end.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation to Ambassador Le Fraper du Hellen for her diligent and hard work, during her tour of duty in Malta, which resulted in intensifying the very strong bilateral relations that exist between Malta and France.

He also thanked the French authorities for showing solidarity in practice by taking a number of migrants who were brought to Malta on board the ships Aquarius and Lifeline.

The two dignitaries referred to the Maltese community in France and Malta's request to have observer status in the Organisation International de la Francophonie.

They also discussed issues of mutual interest such as the situation in Europe vis-à-vis migrants, in Libya and Syria as well as the effect of fake news.

Cooperation at Parliamentary level, with particular reference to the Parliamentary Friendship Group, also featured in the discussion.