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Speaker of the House of Representatives meets delegation from the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association

This morning the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia received a courtesy visit by a delegation of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association.

Speaker Farrugia referred to the fruitful relationship between Malta and Canada, particularly recalling the strong presence of Maltese migrants in Toronto. He welcomed the opportunity to strengthen dialogue also at a European level. The Speaker highlighted Malta's priorities for the upcoming Presidency, which revolve around key aspects of migration, maritime affairs, the internal market, the environment and the relationship between the EU and its citizens, adding that the Maltese Presidency is geared towards being a leading beacon in the region.

Furthermore, the Speaker explained that Malta is committed to give the parliamentary dimension of the Presidency a strong role, with the House of Representatives hosting a number of meetings covering topics of a social, economic and environmental nature. The main purpose of these meetings is to give parliamentarians the necessary space, time and tools to proactively contribute to ongoing discussions and act as an added asset to international diplomacy and cooperation.

The Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association, established in 1980, has as its main purpose that of providing a structured forum for the exchange of information and ideas between Canadian parliamentarians and parliamentarians from key European institutions and regional bodies. The association proactively interacts with European countries utilizing the rotation of the Presidency as an opportunity to meet national parliaments and exchange ideas on issues of common concern.

The delegation currently visiting Malta is composed of David Tilson MP, Head of Delegation, Percy Downe Senator, David Wells Senator, Don Davies MP, and accompanying staff. Also present for the meeting were Ray Scicluna, Clerk of the House of Representatives, and Pier Luca Demajo, Honorary Consul for Canada.