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

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

The new Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Kemel Ahmet Kiratli paid a courtesy visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia said that the relations between Malta and Turkey, established on 10<sup>th</sup> October 1967, were very cordial, which relations have been enhanced by various high-level visits. Ambassador Kiratli remarked that Malta and Turkey had excellent relations based on historic and genuine ties.

Speaker Farrugia referred to his official visit to Turkey in December 2016, during which visit he had an audience with President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, apart from other meetings, including one with the then Speaker of the Grand National Assembly of Turkey Ismail Kahraman.

The two dignitaries discussed issues of mutual interest, including trade and economic relations, cooperation between the respective Diplomatic Academies, and the teaching of English to Turkish students.

The Maltese community in Turkey and the Turkish community in Malta, as well as relations between the Maltese Parliament and the Grand National Assembly of Turkey, particularly co-operation in international fora and between their respective parliamentary friendship groups, featured in the discussion. The relations between Turkey and the European Union were also mentioned.

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Kemel Ahmet Kiratli was accompanied by Deputy Head at the Embassy of Turkey in Malta Fatih Kahraman.