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Speaker of the House of Representatives calls on the President of the Republic of Albania

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia paid a courtesy call on the President of the Republic of Albania Ilir Meta.

Speaker Farrugia and President Meta highlighted the excellent relations that exist between Malta and Albania, which relations were enhanced by the state visit to Tirana by the President of Malta Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca in February 2016.

Speaker Farrugia referred to his visit to Tirana, also in February 2016 when he received the PAM Award 2015 – Excellence in the Mediterranean.

The two dignitaries acknowledged the very good work being carried out by the fifty strong Maltese community in Albania, led by Mgr George Frendo and his brother Patri Ġwann Frendo including Fr Emanuel Cutajar, a Gozitan Priest, members of the Society of Christian Doctrine and of the Neocatechumenal Way, teachers, lecturers and businessmen.

They also discussed issues of mutual interest which include trade exchanges, cooperation in the financial, maritime and aviation services as well as between the Parliaments of the two countries.

Dr Anġlu Farrugia was accompanied by his personal assistant Ancel Farrugia Migneco, Ms Eleanor Scerri, Director (International Relations), Mr Pierre Mallia, Director and Mr Giovanni Miceli, Adviser, International Relations.

President of the Republic of Albania Mr Ilir Meta, was accompanied by Mrs. Anila Bitri Lani, Ambassador of the Republic of Albania to the Republic of Malta, Mr. Arben Cici, Chief of Cabinet of the President, Mrs. Ilda Zhulali, Advisor for the Integration Issues, Mr. Majlind Lazimi, Advisor of the Economic Issues, Mr. Ilir Kulla, Advisor of the President, Mr. Edvin Shvarc, Director of Communication, and Mrs. Gentiana Mburimi, Minister Counsellor at the Albanian Embassy in Rome.