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Palestinian Ambassador pays courtesy visit to Speaker Farrugia

The new Ambassador of Palestine, Fadi G. H. Hanania, paid a courtesy visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia. Speaker Farrugia welcomed Ambassador Hanania and referred to the close relations that have always existed between Malta and Palestine. He noted that a PLO Office was opened in Malta in 1974 and that ever since 1975 Malta has served as the Rapporteur of the UN Committee on the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

Speaker Farrugia recalled his official visit to Palestine in March 2016, during which visit he had met, inter alia, with the Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, adding that he still cherish the memories of this visit.

Speaker Farrugia highlighted the missionary work which is being carried out by the Maltese community residing in the Holy Land, which community comprises members of religious orders as well as volunteers.

Ambassador Hanania expressed his country's gratitude for Malta's support towards the Palestinian cause and noted that, after seventy years, the Palestinian problem has not yet been resolved. He said that Palestine looked at the EU for its support and added that people should know what the Palestinians went through in 1948.

Ambassador Hanania was accompanied by Ms Fernaz Badran from the Embassy of Palestine in Malta.