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Speaker Farrugia receives courtesy visit from former Lithuanian Prime Minister Andrius Kubilius

Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia received a courtesy visit from Andrius Kubilius, the former Prime Minister of Lithuania and the current Deputy Chairman of the Committee on European Affairs of the Seimas of Lithuania.

Andrius Kubilius informed Speaker Farrugia that he was a candidate for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe. He elaborated on his agenda which was primarily focused on three visions, namely Democracy, Reform and Authority, and Visibility. He added that the electoral process was divided into two stages, with the first consisting of an interview by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe followed by a vote. The approved/shortlisted candidates will pass through the second stage which consists in undergoing an election at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, due to take place at the last week of June 2019.

Speaker Farrugia thanked Andrius Kubilius for sharing this information which would assist in duly considering the candidature of A. Kubilius for the post of Secretary General of the Council of Europe. He also pointed out that apart from the candidature of Andrius Kubilius, there were three other candidates who were vying for this post.

Andrius Kubilius was accompanied by Ričardas Šlepavičius, Ambassador of Lithuania to Malta.