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Speaker Farrugia intervenes at the 2nd International Forum: 'Development of Parliamentarism'

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia was one of the speakers who participated in 'Section 1: International Security: Dialogue of Legislators for Peace & Stability', during the 2nd International Forum 'Development of Parliamentarism', in Moscow, Russia.

During his intervention, Speaker Farrugia emphasised the importance of observing the principles of equality, dialogue, co-operation, respect of international law, respect for the sovereignty of states, and non-interference in their international affairs and meeting the interest of sustainable development for the future and the benefit of people. He stressed the importance of how one can strengthen the inter-parliamentary relations to develop and promote common interests and values in the international arena. He stated that one cannot have these results if the principles of equality, openness and solidarity, mutual assistance, inclusiveness and mutually beneficial cooperation in the international dialogue are not strictly observed.

Speaker Farrugia explained that Malta has always been a forefront state, notwithstanding its smallness, of leading by example. He referred to the 1975 CSCE Helsinki conference where Malta made it clear that one cannot have peace in Europe if there is no peace in the Mediterranean. Malta had stressed the importance of the inclusion of the Mediterranean Chapter in the Final Act, with reference to all the Arab States.

He spoke about the importance of Parliamentary interaction which needs to be enhanced with academics, expert community and civil societies representatives, especially referring to the strengthening of international security regarding cyber-crime, financial hacking and most important the climate change, which is the most important topic for the coming years.

He also emphasised the fight against terrorism and human trafficking, with reference to the problem of Libya. He mentioned the intervention of Europe and America to supposedly enforce democracy, with the result that chaos is now reigning in Libya and it seems that no one is particularly addressing the root of the problem.

Speaker Farrugia highlighted the importance of having the Russian Federation back in the Parliamentary Assembly for the Council of Europe after an absence of five years, which is another contributing factor to enhance the importance of Parliamentary diplomacy.