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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh meets Speaker Farrugia

Foreign Minister of Bangladesh Dr AK Abdul Momen paid a courtesy visit to Speaker Anglu Farrugia.

The two dignitaries recalled the good relations enjoyed between Malta and Bangladesh ever since they were established in December 1970. Both dignitaries referred to their Commonwealth membership and acknowledged that the Commonwealth has placed the threat of climate change high on its agenda. In this respect, Speaker Farrugia also referred to the work on climate change of the Small Branches of the Commonwealth, a forum of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association which he chairs since December 2016.

The two sides discussed possible areas of cooperation between Malta and Bangladesh, identifying the blue economy as one in which Malta has excelled and can thus offer its support, including at parliamentary level. They also discussed the setting up of a Parliamentary Friendship Group between the Parliaments of the two countries.

Speaker Farrugia also referred to his visit to Dhaka in Bangladesh to participate in the 63rd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference, and to the statement adopted during the same Conference calling for urgent action from the international community to resolve the ongoing humanitarian crisis facing the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh. Both sides agreed that an urgent resolution to the crisis is required.

MP Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici was also present for the meeting. Dr Abdul Momen was accompanied by MD Jashim Uddin, High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for Malta, Mr Mohammed Korshed A Khastagir, Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, Ms Samia Anjum, Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh, Mr Md Khaled, Counsellor at the Bangladesh Embassy in Athens, and by Mr Md Nashir Uddin, Assistant Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh.