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### *Deputy Speaker receives Canadian High Commissioner*

Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives David Agius received a courtesy visit from the new High Commissioner of Canada, Elissa Ann Golberg.

After welcoming the High Commissioner, Deputy Speaker Agius elaborated on the Maltese parliamentary system, particularly the constitutional amendments concerning gender balance. He mentioned the various parliamentary committees, the IVF Bill, and the budgets of the various agencies that the parliament had to approve by the end of June 2022. He referred to parliamentary questions, ministerial statements, and the discussion on the Budget later in the year.

Deputy Speaker Agius and High Commissioner Golberg discussed the war being waged by Russia on Ukraine and acknowledged the respective support extended to Ukraine by both countries.

The environment, energy, transport, tourism, and COVID-19 were also raised in the discussion between the two dignitaries.

Ms Elissa Ann Golberg was accompanied by Ms Saba Zarghami, Counsellor at the High Commission of Canada in Rome.