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*Netherlands Ambassador pays farewell visit to Speaker Farrugia*

Mr Frederik Lammert Keurhorst, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, paid a farewell visit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia expressed his appreciation to Ambassador Keurhorst for his dedicated work during his tenure of office, leading to the enhancement of the excellent bilateral relations existing between Malta and the Kingdom of The Netherlands. He referred to parliamentary relations and recalled his visit to The Hague in June 2016, when the Netherlands had the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, and the visit to Malta of the former Speakers of the Staten-Generaal of the Netherlands Ankie Broekers-Knol and Khadija Arib, which visit took place in June 2017, in conclusion of the parliamentary dimension of the Trio Presidency.

Ambassador Keurhorst expressed his congratulations to Speaker Farrugia following Malta's election to the UN Security Council, with the latter referring to the exhibition of paintings being held in the Embassy of Malta in The Hague, commemorating Malta's recent election to the UN Security Council.

Speaker Farrugia and Ambassador Keurhorst discussed various issues such as the Constitutional amendments enacted regarding gender representation in the Maltese Parliament and full-time Members of Parliament.

The two dignitaries also spoke about the flourishing bilateral relations, which, inter alia, include trade, education, and tourism, with special reference to direct flights between Malta and Amsterdam.

Ambassador Keurhorst was accompanied by Ms Britt Hegge, Intern.