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Ambassador of Turkey pays courtesy visit to Speaker Farrugia

Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey Erdeniz Sen paid a courtesy visit to Speaker of the House of Representatives Anglu Farrugia.

Following the usual courtesies, the Speaker expressed his full solidarity with the Turkish authorities and the Turkish people following the devastating earthquake that hit Turkey on 6 February 2023. Citing the provision of essential utilities to Turkey and the dispatch of several trained officials from the Civil Protection Department of Malta to assist in the search and rescue operations, the Speaker reaffirmed Malta's willingness to continue to assist Turkey in this time of need.

Speaker Farrugia termed the bilateral relations between both countries as excellent. The visits and ensuing meetings are a testament to the ongoing dialogue between the two countries seeking avenues to further improve their relationship. On a parliamentary level, the Speaker recalled his successful visit to Turkey in September 2022 and the meetings held with his Turkish counterpart aimed at enhancing the parliamentary collaboration between the two parliaments. He also referred to the pending visit to Malta by the Speaker of Turkey's GNAT.

During the discussion, reference was also made to Malta's term on the United Nations Security Council and the country's agenda for 2023-2024. Malta's priorities and chosen thematic subjects are relevant and opportune in the face of current global challenges.

The ambassador was accompanied by Tugba Alan Ozdenfedakar, Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Turkish Embassy.