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### *The Speaker of the Malawi National Assembly, Catherine Gomezgani Hara, calls on Speaker Anġlu Farrugia*

On the margins of the Conference on ‘Building Tolerance and Peace despite current challenges: MENA and Europe’ organised by the Parliament of Malta and the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace, the Speaker of the Malawi National Assembly, Catherin Gomezgani Hara, paid a courtesy call on the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Anġlu Farrugia.

The Speaker welcomed his Malawian counterpart and thanked her for accepting the invitation to attend the conference currently held in Malta. He stressed that Malta looks forward to further cement cooperation with Malawi aimed at accruing mutual benefits for both countries. He cited that both countries belong to the same international organisations like the United Nations, the Commonwealth, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the World Trade Organisation.

Dr Farrugia intimated that, in many instances, Maltese and Malawian views on the economic and political stability in sub-Saharan Africa are very similar. Both countries are strong advocates at promoting dialogue and peaceful solutions in the region. In addition, the Speaker outlined that Malta welcomes the positive relationship that exists between Malawi and the European Union and urged the Malawian authorities to continue to positively engage the EU and work together towards the enhancement of peace, security and prosperity across the African continent. Both Speakers recognised the importance of peaceful negotiations and the better understanding among all stakeholders in search of peace and tolerance, as well as a solid and beneficial partnership based and guided by the principles of solidarity and shared responsibility.