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Holding of a Conference on the Building of Tolerance and Peace Despite Challenges: MENA and Europe

On the initiative of the Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia, the Parliament of Malta together with the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace organized a conference in Malta on 01st to 02nd June 2023 on the “Building of Tolerance and Peace despite Challenges: MENA and Europe.”

The primary objectives of the conference were for participants to exchange views and discuss issues which included:

1. Certain peaceful international orders cannot emerge without systematically addressing the deep causes of global issues such as endemic poverty, health, disparities, undemocratic governance, and the lack of respect to the rule of law and sovereignty.
2. The Role of National Parliaments and the Council for Tolerance and Peace in assisting to seek solutions and promoting dialogue and understanding.

In conclusion, the Conference adopted the “Resolution of Malta” which *inter alia* urges the promotion of dialogue to discuss common challenges and opportunities, supports education aimed at promoting tolerance and understanding between different cultures, encouraging negotiations and communication and the upholding of human rights and the celebration of diversity.

The Conference was attended by President of the Global Council for Tolerance and Peace Ahmed Al Jarwan, President of the International Parliamentary Union Duarte Pacheco, Speaker of the Parliament of Malawi Catherine Hara, Secretary General of the Foreign Action, European Union, and cooperation of the Regional Government of Andalusia, former ministers, Members of Parliament and ambassadors from the UAE, Libya, Malawi, Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon Iraq, Kosovo, Morocco, North Macedonia, Romania, Sao Tome and Principe and, Tanzania.

Other international institutions included the Tony Buzan Global, Yahya Kemal College, National Council for Human Rights, the University of Stip “Goce” Delcev and, the Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation. The Secretary General of the Commonwealth, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, addressed the conference via a recorded message.

In addition to the Speaker, the Parliament of Malta was represented by the Minister for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade Ian Borg MP, Glenn Bedingfield MP, Dr Beppe Fenech Adami MP, and Graziella Attard Previ MP. Other Maltese personalities who participated and addressed the conference included the former Foreign Minister Dr Alex Sceberras Trigona and Dr Omar Grech, Senior Lecturer, Department of International Law at the University of Malta.