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## **PRESS RELEASE BY THE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER**

### *The high commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan pays a farewell visit to the deputy speaker*

The High Commissioner of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Tahir Hussain Andrabi, paid a farewell visit to the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, David Agius. The high commissioner's diplomatic accreditation to Malta will be coming to an end shortly.

After welcoming the high commissioner, the deputy speaker expressed his heartfelt thanks to Tahir Hussain Andrabi for his valid contribution towards the enhancement of bilateral relations between Malta and Pakistan and wished him the very best in his future endeavours.

Deputy Speaker Agius reiterated that Malta is keen to continue to work with Pakistan aimed at further cementing bilateral relations and seeking new areas of cooperation. Both countries attach significant importance to their foreign policy initiatives in regional and international affairs. The deputy speaker also noted the long-standing relations between the European Union and Pakistan and indicated Malta's support for the signing of the EU-Pakistani Strategic Engagement Plan, which builds on the progress achieved under the Cooperation Agreement on partnership and development previously concluded between both sides.

The high commissioner thanked the deputy speaker for his assistance and cooperation during his term of duty as Pakistan's High Commissioner for Malta. He outlined some of the initiatives undertaken during the last few years aimed at consolidating bilateral relations between Malta and Pakistan.