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### *Malta to hold the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Presidents of Parliament of Small European States in 2024*

On Tuesday, 20 June, Deputy Speaker David Agius participated in the final day of the Conference of Presidents of Parliament of Small European States which was meeting in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg.

Deputy Speaker met Oleksandr Korniyenko, First Deputy Chief of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, who was invited to participate in the conference. They spoke about the current situation of Ukraine after 482 days of war. Mr Korniyenko noted that countries can help Ukraine by adopting further sanctions and by helping their children to prevent them from being killed or deported.

Mr Korniyenko, on behalf of President Volodymyr Zelensky, invited the Presidents of Parliament of the Small States to visit Ukraine in the coming weeks to further discuss ways in which they can help in this conflict.

The third and final theme of the conference was 'Parliaments of Small European States and the new threats to democratic institutions'. Deputy Speaker David Agius addressed the Ukrainian delegation stating that Malta will keep on supporting Ukraine and that, as member of the European Union, Malta will work towards strengthening the European Union support toward Ukraine.

The Conference of Presidents of Parliament of Small European States came to an end with the adoption of the final Declaration of the Conference.

Deputy Speaker Agius, on behalf of Speaker of the House of Representatives Anġlu Farrugia, accepted to hold the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Presidents of Parliament of Small European States in Malta in 2024 as declared in the final Declaration.