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### *Courtesy meeting between the Deputy Speaker and the Portuguese Ambassador*

The Ambassador of Portugal, Bernardo Luis de Carvalho Futscher Pereira, paid a courtesy visit on the Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, David Agius.

After welcoming the Ambassador, the Deputy Speaker confirmed that Malta and Portugal enjoy an excellent and long-standing bilateral relationship cemented by an extensive number of agreements and exchange of visit between both countries. Additionally, Malta and Portugal share a common European and Mediterranean heritage intrinsically connected through common objectives and challenges.

The Deputy Speaker encouraged further collaboration with Portugal both on European level, as well as regionally via the MED9, 5+5 Western Mediterranean Dialogue and the Union for the Mediterranean. Deputy Speaker Agius also urged the Ambassador to concentrate on enhancing the commercial and business relationship between Malta and Portugal.

The Ambassador acknowledged the comments made by the Deputy Speaker and agreed that there is a window of opportunity to work towards promoting business ties and increased trade flow between both countries.