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Hungarian foreign minister pays courtesy call on Deputy Speaker

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary Péter Szijjártó paid a courtesy call on Deputy Speaker Claudette Buttigieg.

Deputy Speaker Buttigieg and Minister Szijjártó agreed that bilateral relations between Malta and Hungary were very sound and emphasised the cooperation between the two countries in international fora such as the EU, the OSCE and the UN.

They referred to the increase in the number of Hungarians coming to Malta as well as Maltese visiting Hungary, which increase is mainly due to the regular direct flights between Budapest and Malta.

They also spoke about issues of mutual interest, such as the diaspora, migration, Christian minorities, as well as cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries.

Reference was also made to the forthcoming elections in Hungary which will take place on 8th April 2018.

Péter Szijjártó was accompanied by Ádám Zoltán Kovács, Ambassador of Hungary, Kristóf Altusz, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Zsolt Csutora, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Gyula Budai, Ministerial Commissioner, and Katalin Pálszabó, Second Secretary.

The Deputy Speaker was accompanied by Ray Scicluna, Clerk of the House, Giovanni Miceli, Adviser for International Relations, Eleanor Scerri, Director International Relations, Peter Paul Mallia, Director, Emma Terribile and Mark DeMartino, Research Analysts.