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*The High Commissioner of the Republic of Uganda pays a courtesy visit to Speaker Farrugia*

The new High Commissioner of the Republic of Uganda Elizabeth Paula Napeyok paid a courtesy visit to Speaker Anġlu Farrugia.

Speaker Farrugia referred to the cordial bilateral relations between the two Commonwealth countries that were formally established on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2004. He noted that, since 2008, Malta had been co-financing various projects under its Official Development Assistance, which projects were operated by SOS Malta. He also recalled the group of 43 Maltese who in 1942 were interned in Bombo, Uganda, and later moved to Soroti Internment Camp.

Speaker Farrugia and High Commissioner Napeyok discussed issues of mutual interest, such as the possibility of Ugandan students following courses at MEDAC and IMLI, the use of the Freeport, health tourism and financial services.

The two dignitaries spoke about EU-Uganda relations, particularly in the light of the economic partnership agreement between the EU and the East African Community. They also highlighted the role of both Malta and Uganda in the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

High Commissioner Elizabeth Paula Napeyok was accompanied by Mr Victor Acellam, First Secretary, and Ms Elizabeth Norah Mugoya, Administrative Attaché, at the High Commission of the Republic of Uganda in Rome.