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Speaker Anġlu Farrugia receives scouts from Europe

Speaker Anġlu Farrugia welcomed scouts from Bavaria, Germany, the town of Bombarall in Portugal, and Santa Venera, Malta inside of the Chamber of Deputies.

During his address, the Speaker discussed the role of the elected Members of Parliament as contributors, through legislative measures, to the common good of the Maltese and others who have taken up residence in Malta. In a constitutional democracy, the powers of the majority are exercised within the framework of a representative democracy. However, the constitution protects the minority, through the enjoyment of the fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual, which are protected by law. They are inalienable and fundamental, to which a person is inherently entitled simply because she or he is a human being. The application of these fundamental rights and freedoms of the individual is universal, and egalitarian, in the sense of being the same for everyone.

The Scout Movement, founded in 1907 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell, brings together more than 40 million scouts from all over the world. The Scout Movement succeeded the test of time because its founder, Lord Baden-Powell, inspired young people through education, to become active local and global citizens, and to contribute towards rendering our planet our common home, a better place where we live together in peace, harmony and in economic and social progress, as sons and daughters of the heavenly father.

In his concluding remarks, Speaker Farrugia spoke of the correlation between representative democracy and scouting. “Whereas parliamentarians endeavour to secure the commonweal, scouts are encouraged to embrace good human values in order to bring about change for a better world, a sustainable future, where environmental matters, irrespective these being physical, health or social, are given due consideration”.

Parliamentary Secretary for Youth, Sport and Voluntary Organisations Clifton Grima, and Spokesperson for the Opposition Ryan Callus also attended and addressed this activity.