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Speaker Anglu Farrugia addresses the 140th IPU General Assembly

Speaker Anglu Farrugia addressed the 140th IPU General Assembly, which is being held in Doha, Qatar, from 6 to 10 April 2019, with the theme; ‘Parliaments as platforms to enhance education for peace, security and the rule of law’. Under the overarching theme of education for peace, the Assembly will also consider ways in which parliaments can boost gender equality, particularly in the region, take measures to counter terrorism, promote human rights and invest in renewable energy.

In his address to the high-level segment for Speakers of parliaments, Speaker Farrugia stated that parliamentary democracies should ensure that education is inclusive, affordable and accessible. He argued that poverty, lack of economic growth, corruption and bad governance, are all related to lack of education. Better education is thus an investment in economic prosperity, the empowerment of women, and conducive to a solution to many of the world’s most pressing problems.

In addition to bringing together national parliaments from all over the world, the IPU facilitates several parliamentary bilateral meetings in the margins of the General Assembly. Speaker Anglu Farrugia met with Mr Nurlan Nigmatulin, Speaker of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and Mr Talat Xhaferi, Speaker of the Assembly of North Macedonia, in separate bilateral meetings.

Accompanying Speaker Farrugia are Members of Parliament Byron Camilleri and Mario Galea.