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Deputy Chief Minister

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### **Commonwealth Essay Competition Winners Announced**

The winners of a Commonwealth Essay Competition were announced today by the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia at No 6 Convent Place, in the presence of the Minister with responsibility for Education Dr John Cortes.

The competition was organised by the Office of the Deputy Chief Minister in conjunction with the Department of Education. It aimed to raise awareness of the Commonwealth amongst students and was split into two categories for different age groups. Submissions were invited from Middle School students on 'History of the Commonwealth', whilst students from Secondary Schools and the Gibraltar College were invited to submit entries on the theme 'Commonwealth, Self-determination and Human Rights'.

The judging was carried out by retired teachers Mr Douglas Casaretto, Mr Paul Lyons and Mr Fidelio Parody.

The winners are as follows:

Secondary Schools and College - Commonwealth, Self-determination and Human Rights

1st prize – £100            Katerina Zagurova, Westside Comprehensive School

2nd prize – £50            Jonathan Maclean, Bayside Comprehensive School

3rd prize – £25            Max McGiffen, Bayside Comprehensive School

Middle Schools - History of the Commonwealth

1st prize - £100            Param Nagrani, St Bernard's Middle School

2nd prize - £50            Niah Lima, St Bernard's Middle School

3rd prize - £25            Sophia Cuevas, St Bernard's Middle School



Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said:

“The Government is delighted to have taken this small step forward to promote the Commonwealth among young people. I am grateful to my colleague Dr Cortes, to the Department of Education, the schools and the judges. There are many important traditions and values that we share with Commonwealth countries and it is important to reflect on them. Gibraltar’s sportsmen participate in the Commonwealth Games and our Parliamentarians in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. We need to broaden and deepen those connections. Indeed, this must be part of the strategy as we reshape our relationship with the European Union in the years to come.”