



PRESS RELEASE

No: 224/2017

Date: 7th April 2017

Chief Minister Fabian Picardo Conversation with Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, has today spoken at length with the Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP.

During the course of the conversation, Mr Corbyn assured the Chief Minister of his full support for Gibraltar and, in particular, his support for working people who might be affected by the process of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union.

Mr Picardo has also spoken this week directly to the Labour Shadow Minister for Brexit, the Hon Sir Kier Starmer QC MP and to Shadow Foreign Secretary Rt Hon Emily Thornberry MP. Both have been entirely supportive of Gibraltar, its people and the continuation of British Sovereignty of Gibraltar.

The Chief Minister said: "I was very pleased to talk to Mr Corbyn about the issues facing Gibraltar as a result of Brexit. He was fully briefed on the issue of Clause 22 of the draft EU Council Guidelines and the problems that could raise for Gibraltar. He restated the commitment to British Sovereignty of Gibraltar and the double lock in the respect. I am very happy to be able to report to the people of Gibraltar that Mr Corbyn and the rest of the Labour front bench team do not share any of the views of those in the Labour Party in 2002 who tried to force Gibraltar to share its sovereignty with Spain. I thanked Mr Corbyn for his support and commitment to Gibraltar and its people."