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### UN UPU Letter Writing Competition Prizes

The Hon Albert Isola MP presented the prizes to the winners of the local leg of the UN's Universal Postal Union Letter-Writing Competition at a ceremony held in his offices on Monday 2 October 2017.

This was the fifth consecutive year that Gibraltar has participated in the competition. The theme for 2017 was:

*"Imagine that you are an advisor to the new UN Secretary General; which world issue would you help him tackle first and how would you advise him to solve it?"*

Six local schools and 118 pupils took part in the competition. The winners were as follows:

1st	Casey Torres	Bayside Comprehensive	Trophy & £300
2nd	Matthew Lopez	Bayside Comprehensive	Certificate & £200
3rd	Lorena Rodriguez	St Joseph's Middle	Certificate & £100

The following also received Certificates of Merit for producing the best letter from each of the participating schools:

School	Best Essay Award
Bayside	Casey Torres (12)
Gibraltar Boys' Secondary	Moshe Bitan (13)
Loreto Convent	Nicole Zinonev (11)
St Bernard's Middle	Param Nagrani (10)
St Joseph's Middle	Lorena Rodriguez (12)
Westside	Alicia Fernandes (13)

The Minister thanked all the participants for their efforts in promoting the important art of letter writing and particularly Casey Torres, whom he further congratulated for his winning entry tackling the problem of world poverty.



Thanks also go to the volunteer, retired teachers, Mrs Vivien Dawson, Ms Rosemarie Bruzon and Mrs Carol Brooks, who kindly agreed to judge the competition.

Casey's letter is currently representing Gibraltar in the main international competition at UN UPU Headquarters in Berne, Switzerland. The Minister wished Casey the best of luck in the international competition.