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### **Minister Linares attends the Commonwealth Local Government Forum**

The Minister for Culture, the Media, Youth & Sport, the Hon Steven Linares, has recently returned from various forums in Malta. During the 2017 Commonwealth Local Government Conference Minister Linares was nominated by the members of the European region to be an alternate member to the Minister of the Local Government of Malta.

The board has members and alternate members from all the regions of the Commonwealth, Asia, Africa, Australasia, the Americas and the Caribbean. All alternate members are eligible to attend and participate fully in all board meetings.

Minister Linares said: "I am honoured to have been nominated and selected as a representative for the European region as an alternate member to the Minister of Malta. This means that Gibraltar will now be part of the board and a decision maker of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum."

During the conference Minister Linares had the opportunity to meet with the Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Rt. Hon Baroness Patricia Scotland where they both discussed the involvement of the Overseas Territories such as Gibraltar with the Commonwealth generally.

Minister Linares also met up with Helen Clark, a former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. The Minister updated her on Gibraltar's situation on Brexit and the right of the people of Gibraltar to self-determination.