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Chief Minister to deliver Address in Madrid on 3rd February

The Chief Minister's Office has confirmed that Mr Picardo will be delivering an address in Madrid on the 3rd February.

The Chief Minister had been due to address the prestigious Nueva Economia Forum that day until the Forum's invitation was withdrawn for what it described as "Reasons of State."

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar has made separate arrangements for Mr Picardo to deliver the address he had prepared for the Nueva Economia Forum to an audience of invited Spanish politicians, journalists and industrialists.

Invitations are being sent to the same audience that might have attended the now cancelled event.

Mr Picardo has made a large number of speeches in Spain since he became Chief Minister, and appeared in a very considerable number of Television and Radio shows in that country, setting out the position of the Gibraltar Government in respect of all matters related to Gibraltar. All have been very favourably received.

Details of the arrangements made for Mr Picardo to deliver his address will not be made public until nearer the time.

The Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said: "The measured, reasonable and democratic views of the elected representatives of the people of Gibraltar cannot be silenced. We will not be deterred. We will prevail in the presentation of our position in our usual respectful and proper manner. Anyone who is interested in truly understanding the reality of Gibraltar and the Gibraltarians will have the opportunity of hearing what we have to say in Madrid, next week, regardless of the attempts that have been made to stop us."