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Chief Minister hosts Gibraltar Reception at the Conservative Party Conference

The Chief Minister of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, yesterday hosted the traditional Gibraltar reception at the Conservative Party Conference in Birmingham.

The speeches of Mr Picardo and Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP are attached.

The reception was also attended by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, who spent considerable time in discussion with the Chief Minister. Also in attendance was Rt Hon Robin Walker MP from the Department for Exiting the European Union, who spoke at the recent Westminster Hall Debate on Gibraltar held after the referendum before the summer break.

The Chief Minister said: "As is usual at the Conservative Party Conference, we had a huge attendance. The speech from Dr Fox was fantastically supportive and clear on the issue of Sovereignty, and came with warm regards for Gibraltar from the Prime Minister herself. The Chancellor was also able to make time to attend and to convey his good wishes and his understanding of the issues Gibraltar faces. Having been Foreign Secretary and having recently visited Gibraltar, he is an important friend of Gibraltar at this difficult time. It was clear to me that Gibraltar was surrounded by good friends last night and that they are listening to our concerns."