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### **Minister Sacramento in Westminster for meetings with CPA secretariat**

Minister for Housing and Equality, the Hon Samantha Sacramento MP has today met with the CEO and Deputy CEO of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK and British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Secretariat in Westminster. Minister Sacramento was accompanied by Ministry Official, Mr Leyton Ryan.

The Gibraltar Parliament hosted the annual conference of the British Islands and Mediterranean Region of the CPA in May this year. One of the outcomes of that conference was to look at strengthening the Parliaments of the BIMR Region by updating the current strategy. Minister Sacramento was asked to Chair the working group appointed to achieve this. Minister Sacramento met with the CPA Secretariat this morning to explore logistics of this, going forward.

Commenting on the matter, Minister Sacramento said, "I have been the Gibraltar Parliament's Head of Delegation for all CPA conferences for the past 5 years and as such have gained a good working knowledge of the organisation. As such, I wanted to explore strengthening how we can get more out of the shared experience and best practices of the collective Parliaments that make up our region and, following our annual conference, I was officially appointed to do so. The CPA provides an important network, which is all the more relevant to us now in the context of Brexit. I look forward to working with my parliamentary colleagues from the region to strengthen our connection even further."

#### Notes to editors:

The British Islands and Mediterranean Region of the CPA is made up of Parliaments from the following branches :

UK

Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

Cyprus

Ministry of Housing and Equality

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