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Statement on information published by EFE news agency and The Diplomat in Spain website

HM Government of Gibraltar wishes to clarify the information published by EFE news agency and The Diplomat in Spain website regarding the supposed content of the memorandums on Gibraltar which are still under negotiation in the course of the Withdrawal Agreement of the United Kingdom and Gibraltar from the European Union. The media outlets cite alleged "diplomatic sources close to the Spanish negotiation team" and "sources close to the issue" respectively.

Apart from the fact that such leaks would gravely infringe the confidentiality agreed upon between the parties of these negotiations, the information offered is substantially untrue in many and varied material respects. Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar will not disclose more details of the content of the negotiations at this stage than those already put in the public domain. When the documentation is published, it will become clearly apparent that the information published was unreliable and based on half truths.

Gibraltar has made no concessions whatsoever in respect of sovereignty, jurisdiction or control. The unattributed statements are therefore wildly inacccurate and are not based on any actual or potential interpretation of the texts.