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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Minister for Sports and Leisure, the Hon Edwin Reyes, is delighted to learn that Mr Tom Finlayson MBE has been awarded the prestigious 2008 Lifetime Service Award by the International Cricket Council (ICC) Europe in recognition of his services to Cricket in Gibraltar.

On behalf of all Sport Lovers in Gibraltar the Minister for Sports and Leisure has sent a congratulatory message to Tom Finlayson on his receiving such an esteemed award. Furthermore, the Minister wholeheartedly concurs with the feelings expressed by ICC Europe in their official statement:

“Tom Finlayson has for many years been the ambassador for Gibraltar Cricket and for the game as a whole. His unwavering dedication to the sport can only be described as an inspiration to many. We congratulate Tom on his well deserved honour and can only assume that this award will inspire him to devote more time and energy to the game he loves”

The ‘Pepsi ICC Development Programme Annual Awards’, which were first awarded in 2002, promote excellence in cricket development and recognise exceptional performance and service to the game in the ICC’s 94 Associate and Affiliate Member countries. The Gibraltar Cricket Association is an Associate Member of the ICC and Tom Finlayson held the post of local Secretary for 18 years before becoming Chairman, an appointment he maintains to this day.

The Lifetime Service Award will be officially presented to Tom Finlayson during the European President’s Day to be held at Lord’s Cricket Ground on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009.