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Following the signature in London on Tuesday by US Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and Chief Minister Peter Caruana of a Tax Exchange of Information Agreement between the Governments of the United States of America and Gibraltar, the Chief Minister will today lay a copy of the agreement in Parliament. Thereafter the text will be placed on the Government's website by way of full publication.

Commenting on his return to Gibraltar, the Chief Minister said: "The high level at which this inter-governmental agreement between Gibraltar and the USA was signed is a measure of the importance that both sides attach to it. Gibraltar welcomes the raising of global standards in financial services that is bound to emerge in the near future, and is itself already very well placed to prosper in the new era that will emerge. Twelve years of planned repositioning of our finance centre, its activities and reputation will now serve Gibraltar well."