

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SEARCH AND RESCUE INCIDENT**

At around 18.00 hours on the 14 August 2018, the Gibraltar Port Authority (GPA) was informed by the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP) that a call had been received from a small vessel in distress with three persons on board, exact position unknown.

A Search and Rescue operation was subsequently declared, with the participation of various enforcement agencies including RGP, Gibraltar Defence Police (GDP), HM Customs and Ministry of Defence (MoD) maritime assets, coordinated by Gibraltar Port Authority.

Spanish Counterparts were also informed of the situation who in turn deployed their rescue helicopter.

Following an exhaustive search at sea, operations were called off at 20.39 hours with no vessel or persons located.

Manuel Tirado, CEO and Captain of the Port (Acting) would like to highlight the excellent cooperation of all the agencies involved in this operation and wished to thank all those who took part in this operation.