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**THE MAYORSHIP**

The Government is to make changes in relation to the Office of the Mayor of Gibraltar, in order to facilitate a wider participation by citizens of Gibraltar in that office. Following the new Constitution, the Mayor no longer has to be chosen from among Members of Parliament. The Mayor is appointed by Parliament.

Accordingly, it is the intention of the Government to move to a system whereby citizens from the community at large will be appointed Mayor for a one year period. A Deputy Mayor will also be appointed to assist and support the Mayor in the discharge of Mayoral duties. The Deputy Mayor will become the Mayor in the following year and a new person will then be appointed as Deputy Mayor, and so on and so forth.

The Government will be moving a motion at the next sitting of the House, proposing:

- (1) that Mr Solomon (Momy) Levy be appointed Mayor of Gibraltar from 1 August 2008 to 31 July 2009;
- (2) that Mrs Olga Zammitt be appointed Deputy Mayor for that same period; and
- (3) that Mrs Olga Zammitt be appointed Mayor for the period 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010.

The posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor are honorific, and thus unpaid.

Commenting on this development, Chief Minister Peter Caruana said: -

“The role of Mayor is non-political. The Mayor is the civic embodiment of the community. The old Constitution required the Mayor to be a Member of Parliament, and thus it was invariably the Speaker or a Government Minister. Now that under the New Constitution it does not have to be a Member of Parliament, the Government believes that the role should be opened to the community at large, thus emphasising its civic, non-political nature and giving ordinary citizens the opportunity to discharge this civic role.”