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Reports in the Spanish media that Messrs Milliband and Moratinos would discuss Gibraltar in their bilateral meeting on the same days as the Trilateral are untrue. That bilateral meeting is about non-Gibraltar issues. The Foreign Office has assured the Gibraltar Government that Mr Milliband would not discuss Gibraltar issues in the bilateral with Mr Moratinos, and would tell him that the appropriate forum was the Trilateral meeting. That is the specific basis on which the Gibraltar Government agreed to schedule a Trilateral meeting on the same day as a UK/Spain bilateral on other matters.

The Foreign Office have confirmed all the above in an explicit press release issued yesterday, a further copy of which is attached hereto.

Chief Minister Peter Caruana said: - "Spanish media reports that Messrs Moratinos and Milliband will discuss Gibraltar bilaterally are unrealistic. Not only has the Foreign Office said the contrary publicly, and assured me of it privately, but the UK Government is publicly committed not to discuss sovereignty with Spain bilaterally without our consent. I have been assured by the Foreign Office that if Mr Moratinos raises Gibraltar in their bilateral meeting, Mr Milliband will say that Gibraltar is not on their agenda and should be discussed in the later Trilateral Forum Meeting."