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As anyone who has read the Cordoba Airport Agreement, which has been published, will know, yesterday's press report in Spain commenting on matters relating to the new Gibraltar air terminal, does not give an accurate or correct impression of what will happen.

The Cordoba Agreement provides for a single Gibraltar air terminal, with all air terminal functions to be in Gibraltar (ie security, check-in, baggage handling, boarding and all air side apron activities) under our sole jurisdiction and control. There is thus no "Spanish Zone" of the new Gibraltar air terminal. There will be a small part of the terminal building on the Spanish side of the frontier fence, to accommodate the Spanish officials who must be on that side when carrying out advance Schengen entry check or deferred Schengen exit checks. As is known those checks, for which the passenger remains on the Gibraltar side of the frontier, will be carried out on passengers travelling to or from a Spanish airport, who enter or exit Gibraltar Airport via its Gibraltar entrance/ exit.

The Spanish press report also refers to "joint use" of Gibraltar Airport. The Cordoba Statement does not provide for "joint use", nor does it use that phrase. It refers to, and provides for, "expanded use".

There will shortly be a meeting in Gibraltar to co-ordinate the design, specifications and building in Spain of the aforesaid facility for Spanish officials, in the context of the building of the terminal, the contract for which has already been awarded by the Gibraltar Government.