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Loan of Artwork to The Commonwealth Foundation

The Ministry of Culture have announced that they will loan, on behalf of the artist, an original work by Mr Paul Cosquiere to the Commonwealth Foundation. The work is to be displayed in the Foundation's newly inaugurated offices in the East Wing of Marlborough House and will form a part of the "Commonwealth Collection". The Foundation will also display artworks from other member nations and territories of the Commonwealth.

The painting depicts the North Face of the Rock of Gibraltar as seen from the Gibraltar Airport Terminal. The aptly named "Rock Tourist" is an imposing contemporary mixed media painting (100 x100 cm), signed and dated by the artist in 2007. The painting "Rock Tourist", which formed part of Paul Cosquiere's (COSQUI) 2007 exhibition titled "Between The Rock and a Hard Place", consists of a collage of coloured tissue paper combined with stencilled spray paint. It also incorporates a unique use of text printouts containing generic information about the Rock of Gibraltar that Paul used as the initial background to the painting. The painting has until recently been loaned to Government for display at the offices of the Ministry for Enterprise, Development, Technology and Transport.

The Ministry of Culture wishes to thank Mr Cosquiere for agreeing to loan his painting to the Commonwealth Foundation.

Note to Editors: Photo shot opportunity of the painting, together with the artist, at the Ministry of Culture, 310 Main Street on Friday 29th May 2009 at 11 am.