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### GIBRALTAR NATIONAL DAY EVENTS

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

The gathering of our Community in red and white dress code is an important element of our National Day celebrations. The Ministry of Culture has announced the programme of events for this year's Gibraltar National Day, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

This year's National Day celebrations at John Mackintosh Square will start with a 'Street Party' as from 11.15 am. There will be stalls manned by local charities serving "Calentita", "Torta Acelga", "Torta Patata", crisps, soft drinks and water located at strategic positions around the Square. These locations will be outside the Treasury Building, by the Taxi Stand (south side), outside the Old Ye Rock (north side) and opposite the Central Police Station in Irish Town.

Nine local charities have committed themselves to 'run the stalls'. Prices will be £1 for three food portions or two packets of crisps and a canned soft drink or two bottles of water. Although the Government will cover costs in respect of providing the food and drinks, produced by local entities specially commissioned for this task, all sale proceeds will be retained by the charities running the respective stalls.

Recycle bins for the disposal and subsequent recycle of empty drink cans will be strategically located along Main Street and John Mackintosh Square. The public is requested to help Gibraltar's recycling efforts by using these bins to dispose only of empty cans.

At 12.50pm, still at John Mackintosh Square, Bishop Fitzgerald's School Choir will sing songs with a Gibraltar theme, namely 'Llevame donde naci' and 'Virgencita de Europa'. This will be followed by the Mayor's recitation from the balcony of the City Hall of the names of the recipients of the Gibraltar Medallion of Honour and the reading of the Gibraltar National Day Declaration – which is a statement of civic,

social and political principals that we commemorate and celebrate on our National Day.

The reading of the Gibraltar National Day Declaration will be followed by the release of balloons from Parliament House, called for by the Mayor, whilst Bishop Fitzgerald School Choir lead the general public in the singing of the Gibraltar Anthem.

Other events forming part of our National Day Celebrations on the 10<sup>th</sup> September will be as follows:

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| 11am                | Children's Fancy Dress Competition<br>by the Lobby of Parliament House (Main Street side)   |
| 11.15 am to 1.15 pm | Street Party:<br>Food & Drink Stalls, manned by local Charities   |
| 1.30pm to 7pm       | Fun for Kids at Casemates Square:<br>free fair ground attractions   |
| 1.30pm to 7.30pm    | Live Music at the "Rock on the Rock Club"   |
| 1.30pm till late    | King's Bastion Leisure Centre:<br>Fun Activities, Entertainment & Discos  |
| 2.30pm till 7pm     | Jazz Friends at Governor's Parade   |
| 8.30pm till late    | Break Beat Disco at the Rock on the Rock Club   |
| 10.30pm             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fireworks Display from the Detached Mole<br/>The Fireworks Display will be synchronised to music which will be transmitted live by GBC both via their Television Channel and Radio Gibraltar.</li></ul> |
- Access to Coaling Island as from 10 pm until completion of the Fireworks Display will be strictly for pedestrians only. Arrangements are being made by the Captain of the Port for large ships berthed alongside Coaling Island's western arm to be removed and thus provide a prime viewing location for the general public. Visitors to Coaling Island on the evening of National Day are requested to follow instructions as issued by the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The general public is also reminded that a "Live Band Rock Concert" takes place as from 9pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at Waterport Coachpark. There is no entrance charge for this event.

The Government wishes all Gibraltarians and other residents of Gibraltar a very happy Gibraltar National Day.

Full programme of events attached.