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FORUM FOR DIALOGUE ON GIBRALTAR MEETS IN LONDON

The Forum for Dialogue on Gibraltar met at officials' level in London on 16 October. The parties had constructive discussions in a positive atmosphere and agreed a timetable and process for implementing the eight priority outcomes contained within the detailed framework for negotiations agreed at the Ministerial meeting in July. These were the enabling of a ferry link between Gibraltar and Algeciras, the opening of an Instituto Cervantes, the creation of an Environmental and Maritime Incident Hotline, customs cooperation, law enforcement cooperation, visa facilitation for Moroccan nationals, cooperation on the treatment of solid waste and a Tax Information Exchange Agreement.

The parties also reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of agreements in the new areas of cooperation as outlined in the July communique by the time of the next Ministerial meeting in 2010, and agreed a timetable and process for working towards these agreements.

Gibraltar Chief Minister Peter Caruana, the Spanish Foreign Ministry's Director General for Europe and North American Political Affairs, Luis Felipe Fernandez de la Pena, and the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office Director for European Political Affairs, Tim Hitchens, led the delegations at the meeting.