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The Government is pleased to announce the signing of a technical level agreement between Air Traffic Control Service providers in Gibraltar and Spain. The agreement has been signed by NATS (National Air Traffic Services Ltd) Gibraltar, and AENA (the Spanish Air Traffic Control service provider). It formalises and documents procedures that have provided safe passage for aircraft using Gibraltar airport for many years and thus ensures continuing compliance with EU and international air traffic control safety standards, including in the context of the new Algeciras heliport.

Commenting on this agreement, Aviation Minister Joe Holliday said that this agreement is good news for all, especially Gibraltar, since it formalises for the future the same safe airport operations as we have enjoyed in the past.

Chris Purkiss Gibraltar's Director of Civil Aviation said :-"This agreement provides air traffic controllers in both Spain and Gibraltar with the tools to continue to ensure aviation safety in the region."