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### **GIBRALTAR SAYS FAREWELL TO THE “MIGHTY HUNTER”**

On Monday Gibraltar will see the last flight of the Nimrod MR2 before the Nimrod fleet is retired at the end of the month. The aircraft, known affectionately by its crews as the “Mighty Hunter” has had a long association with Gibraltar and has been a common visitor to the airfield over the last 40 years. It conducted its first overseas flight on 27 October 1969 – its destination GIBRALTAR. Over the years the Nimrod fleet has frequently visited the airfield for NATO exercises and local crew training. It is fitting that after an absence of almost four years, the aircraft should make one last visit to Gibraltar before its imminent retirement from Service.

Commenting in advance of this important occasion, Minister for Transport Joe Holliday said, “The visits of these aircraft to Gibraltar have been a constant reminder of the UK’s commitment to the Rock and it is sad to see such a good friend to Gibraltar being retired from service. However, we look forward to seeing its successor the Nimrod MR4A flying from the airfield in years to come.”

Weather permitting the aircraft will conduct a low level flypast of Headquarters British Forces when it departs Gibraltar on Monday morning.