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Government willing to continue talks with Spanish fishermen

Despite the break up of discussions today, the Government remains willing to engage with representatives of the Spanish fishermen in keeping with the laws of Gibraltar.

Any infringement of the rule of law and of the territorial jurisdiction of the Parliament of Gibraltar is unacceptable to the Government.

Enforcement of Gibraltar's laws is a matter exclusively for the RGP – devoid of outside influence from politicians or anyone else. The RGP enjoys the full confidence of the Government in dealing with any law enforcement aspects of this issue as with all others.

The decision of the representatives of these fishermen to stop engaging in dialogue will therefore lead only to confrontation.

Through dialogue, the Government believes that a solution that would be positive and acceptable for all parties can be reached.

The Government therefore remains willing to continue to engage in dialogue to avoid dangerous and counterproductive confrontations.