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**FISHERMEN'S TALKS**

Chief Minister Fabian Picardo today met representatives of Spanish fishermen from La Linea and Algeciras at No 6 Convent Place.

At the meeting Mr Picardo outlined the very considerable progress that has been made by the Commission established by the Government. Monday will see a further meeting between Gibraltar and Spanish experts. The Government expects that this will lead to a preliminary report with the experts' recommendations being provided to the Government some 5 to 10 days thereafter.

The Chief Minister made clear that the Government will await the recommendations of the Commission's report before deciding whether any further data is required by the Government. If further data is required, the Government will expect to have all such data provided by the end of November.

Only when all necessary data and information is available will the Government make final decisions in respect of the representations being made to it by the fishermen from Gibraltar and Spain.