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HMGOG position on illegal Spanish Navy incursion into British Gibraltar Territorial Waters

Activity of the type seen today by the Spanish Navy is a scandalous act of aggression which is illegal, imprudent, unprofessional and irresponsible on the part of whoever authorised it.

This action is totally contrary to the principles that govern international comity as well as being in breach of the obligations which NATO allies and EU partners owe each other.

The United Kingdom Government will no doubt respond in a manner which appropriately reflects the seriousness of this matter and the undoubted British sovereignty, jurisdiction and control of these waters as if this invasion of territorial sea had occurred off the coast of the United Kingdom.

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar will be following this up through every available avenue.