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Garcia Margallo Statements Incorrect

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar has seen the references made by the Spanish Foreign Minister, Mr Garcia Margallo, in Cadiz today to "a solution being found within days which is satisfactory to both" the United Kingdom and Spain in the context of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters and/or fishing matters therein.

The Government can confirm that it has taken this matter up with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and have received a categorical assurance that there have been no such bilateral discussions or negotiations with Spain relating to Gibraltar.

This is in keeping with the position repeatedly set out by the UK that it will not enter into a process of sovereignty negotiations with Spain on such Gibraltar matters as referred to by Mr Margallo.

It would therefore appear that Mr Margallo's statements are entirely incorrect.

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar nonetheless remains strongly committed - as the United Kingdom has also repeatedly stated it is - to re-establishing the trilateral process of dialogue between Gibraltar, the UK and Spain on issues of mutual cooperation and which in the long term is in the interest of all relevant parties."