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**Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister at Overseas Territories Conference in London**

The Chief Minister the Hon. Mr Fabian Picardo, MP, and the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia, MP will travel to London this weekend to attend the British Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council. The conference brings together the Heads of Government of all the territories, providing an opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest.

It also enables the different leaders to meet directly with British Government Ministers to review the latest developments in their respective territories. During the conference, several talks, business opportunity sessions and working groups are being held, including Building Successful and Resilient Economies, Working Together for Better Governing, and Cherishing the Environment and Creating Green Growth. Importantly, the Chief Minister will lead a discussion on Good Government. Mr Picardo will refer to the changes brought in by his administration to provide more regular parliamentary meetings, publication of information and open decision making of government committees.

On Monday, the Chief Minister and Dr Garcia will hold a meeting with Minister for Europe David Lidington and FCO Officials, where one of the main issues for discussion will be the protection of the sovereignty of British Gibraltar Territorial Waters. The conference lasts until Wednesday.

During the absence of the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister from Gibraltar, Dr John Cortes will act as Chief Minister.