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Picardo Acknowledges Caruana's Contribution to Politics in Gibraltar

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar notes the statement by Hon Peter Caruana QC MP to the effect that he will be standing down as leader of the GSD and of the Opposition at the end of January, whilst remaining an MP for now.

The Government wishes to acknowledge the contribution made by Mr Caruana to politics in Gibraltar in the twenty two years since he was first elected to Parliament.

Chief Minister, Fabian Picardo MP said "I acknowledged on the day we won the election that Mr Caruana – despite our many differences and disagreements - had left Gibraltar in some ways better than when he was first elected. I recognise today not just his service as Chief Minister, but also as a Member of Parliament since 1991. The fact that politicians are poles apart on ideological grounds or on particular issues should not prevent us from recognising the role that an opponent has played in the democratic process in our Nation. I spoke to Mr Caruana last night to express these sentiments to him and to wish him well for the future."