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GIBRALTAR'S UEFA STAMP

The Chief Minister, Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar and the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau have today launched a stamp to commemorate Gibraltar's historic achievement of becoming the 54th UEFA member. The Government has opted for a 54p value as Gibraltar is now the 54th member country.

The embroidered badge from a new GFA team jersey was expertly photographed by Stephen Perera and the GFA's founding year of 1895 is clearly visible for the world to see. This is an important statement as the GFA's pre-dates Germany's association (founded in 1900), Italy's (in 1898) and Spain's (in 1913). Indeed, the GFA is the seventh oldest national football association in Europe and one of the oldest in the world.

The Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau has thanked the Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo and Minister for Sport, Culture, Heritage & Youth, the Hon Steven Linares and their respective offices for their immense help in having produced these historic UEFA stamps and having them flown into Gibraltar from the printers in Ireland in time for today's celebration.

The Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau will promote and sell the stamps and philatelic products to collectors in more than 80 countries and thus will give further promotion to the GFA's momentous achievement.

These stamps are now available for purchase as a Set (54p), Collectors sheetlet of 10 (£5.40), Limited Edition of 1500 First Day Cover (£1.50) and Limited Edition of 1500 Presentation Packs (£1.50). A free commemorative card is being given with the purchase of any of these philatelic items at the Philatelic Shop in Main Street and through the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau official website www.gibraltar-stamps.com or www.wopa-stamps.com.