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Chief Minister to address United Nations Committee of 24

The Chief Minister Fabian Picardo and the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia leave for the United Nations in New York tomorrow, Tuesday.

This is in line with the policy of the Government to continue to address the United Nations Committee of 24 at its June session and the United Nations 4th Committee in October.

Mr Picardo will continue to argue that the future of Gibraltar can only be freely and democratically decided by the people of Gibraltar in exercise of their right to self-determination. He will also repeat the call for the UN to spell out its requirements for the removal of Gibraltar from the list of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

Mr Picardo and Dr Garcia will also hold a number of meetings in New York as well as a lunch with the Gibraltar-American Council. They return to Gibraltar on Thursday. During their absence from Gibraltar, the Minister for Equality, Social Services and the Elderly, the Hon Samantha Sacramento will act as Chief Minister. The Government believes that this is the first time that a woman has been acting Chief Minister of Gibraltar.