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Costa announces breakthrough in Port Authority negotiations

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar have signed a landmark agreement with Unite the Union today to resolve long standing industrial relations issues affecting the Gibraltar Port Authority. This follows the first agreement signed on 2 November 2012 addressing various historical issues.

A review of collective agreements concerning the creation of new positions and filling of existing vacancies at the port has been undertaken. The Government and Unite have also successfully negotiated the creation of new posts and an increase in others pursuant to the various manifesto commitments announced in this year's Budget Session. Further, agreements have been reached covering a broad cross section of anomalies and conflicts identified in the application of the Collective Agreements signed in 2009.

Minister for Tourism, Commercial Affairs, Public Transport and the Port Neil Costa MP, highlighted the progress achieved to overcome entrenched difficulties of the past and said a sound working relationship between management and unions had now been established as a result of fruitful negotiations between Unite and the Gibraltar Port Authority.

Mr Costa said: "I am delighted with this breakthrough and look forward to working closely with the Unions to deliver our exciting manifesto commitments for the Port Authority."