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**Picardo meets Cameron at 10 Downing Street**

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo MP, met with Prime Minister, the Rt Hon David Cameron MP, today at No10 Downing Street.

The meeting had been rescheduled from Thursday as a result of the Prime Minister having to attend the debate on Syria in Parliament.

The Chief Minister said: "The meeting, occurring during a time of intense political activity in London over Syria, demonstrated the strength of the Prime Minister's concern for Gibraltar and its people at a time when Spain is taking illegal action at the border and continuing frequent incursions into British Gibraltar waters. During the course of our discussion Mr Cameron restated his strong support for the Government and people of Gibraltar. He repeated directly to me that he stands shoulder to shoulder with us at this difficult time. We both agreed - as we have been doing since April last year and I had highlighted last week - on the need to work in concert to seek a diplomatic solution and discussed how to counter the continuing escalation by Spain. I thanked Mr Cameron for the on-going support and the efforts he and his government are making for Gibraltar."

The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Chief Minister, the Hon Dr Joseph Garcia MP, Chief Secretary, Ernest Gomez and Chief Legal Adviser to HMGoG, Michael Llamas QC.

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Notes to Editors:

A Downing St spokesman made the following statement:

"The Prime Minister met the Chief Minister of Gibraltar Fabian Picardo today. The meeting reaffirmed the existing strong and historic bonds between the UK and Gibraltar and the Prime Minister repeated his commitment to stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Gibraltar. They discussed the unacceptable delays at the Spanish/Gibraltar border and agreed that these are damaging to the people and economies of Gibraltar and Spain. They agreed that efforts should remain concentrated on finding a diplomatic solution, in line with the Foreign Secretary's proposals last year for ad hoc dialogue."

The link below shows footage from Downing Street today:

<http://www.gbc.gi/news/2322/video-images:-cameron-again-pledges-support-for-gibraltar>