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### **Gibraltar students to accompany Government to the United Nations**

The Government will be taking six students to the meeting of the United Nations 4th Committee in New York next month when Gibraltar is discussed.

This follows from a political commitment given by the Government in the "International Relations" section of its general election manifesto. The manifesto spells out the policy commitment of the Government to inform young people from the comprehensive schools as to what happens at the United Nations and the importance to Gibraltar of the deliberations of this international organisation. This has been expanded to include the College of Further Education.

The students were selected through an essay competition where they were asked to write 500 words on the subject of "The United Nations Committee of 24 and the importance of Gibraltar's participation in it." There were a total of 32 Sixth-Formers (Year 13) who entered the competition from Bayside School (12 entries), Westside School (10 entries) and the College of Further Education (10 entries). The winning essays were very well researched and, in a few cases, very passionate.

The list of successful students is as follows:

College  
Thomas Ramagge  
Roger Cabral

Bayside  
Ryan Robba  
Thomas Blagden

Westside  
Aysha Panter  
Cristina Gonzalez

The Minister for Education Hon Gilbert Licudi and the Director of Education Joey Britto will accompany the students, who will first travel to Washington and then New York. They will participate in a visit to the Washington Centre where they will meet the Gibraltar students on internships there and on to New York where they will be present to witness the Chief Minister's address to the 4th Committee of the United Nations.

Commenting on the matter, the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said:

"This is a political commitment that the Government gave in its general election manifesto and it is part of our wider policy to give publicity to the work and the role of the United Nations in the decolonisation of Gibraltar. The manifesto says that we will also encourage the participation of representative organisations like NGOs at the meetings of the Committee of 24 and of the 4th Committee in New York. This was seen earlier this year when the Self-Determination for Gibraltar Group (SDGG) attended the meeting in June. They will also be attending the October meeting. My Office and the Department of Education have worked very closely on this exercise. I would like to thank them and on behalf of the Government thank all those students who gave of their time to submit an entry and also to congratulate those who were successful."