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HM GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR PROVIDES THE EVIDENCE

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar notes the statements made by various politicians in Spain following the Chief Minister's speech to the 4th Committee of the General Assembly yesterday. All the statements made by the Spanish politicians suggest that the references by the Chief Minister of a campaign of lies and disinformation, shots being fired on innocent Gibraltarians within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters and of damage to property of Gibraltarians are untrue.

In these circumstances, HM Government of Gibraltar is now distributing with this press statement evidence of:

1. the damage done to some Gibraltarians property, namely Gibraltar vehicles burnt in La Linea de la Concepcion. Two vehicles were burned.
2. video evidence of shots being fired by Guardia Civil officers on an innocent Gibraltarian jet-skier who was within British Gibraltar Territorial Waters (as defined in the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea, 1982, Montego Bay). The evidence of this serious incident formed part of a formal protest made by the United Kingdom to the Kingdom of Spain on 27 June 2013.
3. the video Mr Picardo referred to which shows Spanish teenagers dressed as Guardia Civil officers relishing assassinating other teenagers dressed as Gibraltarians and purporting to invade Gibraltar.

This is clear and unimpeachable evidence that what the Chief Minister referred to in New York was entirely true.

It is also clear that Spain has been hugely embarrassed by Mr Picardo's speech setting out the detail of the past months' actions.

Mr Picardo's speech nonetheless also made clear Gibraltar's wish to see a move away from the belligerence of the past months and our openness to working with Spain instead to create more jobs in the region for the benefit of people who live on both sides of the frontier. This part of Mr Picardo's speech has been ignored by those making comments.

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Notes to Editors:

Below is video evidence of shots being fired by Guardia Civil officers at a Gibraltarian jet skier in BGTW. Also attached are photographs of Gibraltarian cars which were burned, scratched or otherwise damaged whilst in Spain.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIHFQ-Fsikw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h8Uxuyrvdnk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIIArgCoHko>