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Chief Minister Offers Gibraltar Assistance to Algeciras Mayor José Ignacio Landaluce to deal with Fire

Last night the Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo MP, was in contact with Algeciras Mayor, Sñr José Ignacio Landaluce, to offer any help from Gibraltar which might have been of assistance. Contact was also established with Junta Vice-President Sñr. Jimenez Barrios.

Mr Picardo told Sñr Landaluce that Gibraltar's thoughts were with Algeciras and that if we could help with any aspect of the process of dealing with the fire, we stood ready to help.

Sñr Landaluce was very grateful for the offer and said he would bear it in mind in case their own resources were unable to help. Sñr Jimenez Barrios took the same line.

Mr Picardo's offer of assistance from Gibraltar was picked up by Europa Press newsagency in Spain, which carried a story on the subject, remarking upon the fact that the offer of assistance was made despite the present state of relations which it described as "tense."

The Chief Minister said: "In moments of danger and threats of injury, death or material loss, we must be there for each other, however harshly we have been treated or felt we have been treated by some in recent months. I sincerely hope there has been no fatalities or injuries and that any material losses will have been minor. I have told Jose Ignacio Landaluce and the Vice President of the Junta de Andalucia, Sñr Jimenez Barrios, that they just need to let me know if they think we can do anything to assist."

The EuropaPress report can be seen at : www.europapress.es/andalucia/cadiz-00351/noticia-gibraltar-ofrece-colaboracion-extincion-incendio-algeciras-traslada-solidaridad-20140724234355.html

Mr Picardo has made various tweets on the subject.