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### **Minister attends High Level meeting in New York**

Dr John Cortes, Minister for Health and the Environment representing Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, attended the Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) high level meeting in New York on Monday. This hugely significant event sees Gibraltar's representation and inclusion at the highest level, in its own right. The CCAC is a partnership uniting Governments, inter-governmental organisations, civil society and the private sector in the first global effort to address short-lived climate pollutants as an urgent and collective challenge, in ways that protect the environment and public health. The coalition's work is complimentary to the global action to reduce carbon dioxide, in particular efforts under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Dr Cortes was accompanied by Dr Liesl Torres who attended the meeting as an observer. The aim of the meeting was twofold, first to set the strategy for the next five years and secondly to approve the CCAC contributions to the UN Climate Change Summit plenary.

Represented at the meeting at senior level were organisations such as the World Bank and the World Health Organisation and the European Union, as well as Environment Ministers from countries including the United Kingdom, USA, Japan, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Russia and South Africa, and private sector interests such as Hewlett Packard, South Western Energy and the United Technologies Corporation.