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**GIBRALTAR DELEGATION IN BRUSSELS**

Gibraltar's Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister, the Hon Dr Joseph Garcia, will visit both the European Parliament and the European Commission over the next few days. They will hold meetings with British MEPs of all parties and with officials of Commission departments such as Internal Market, Economic & Monetary Affairs, Environment and Transport & Tourism.

On Wednesday evening, the Chief Minister will host a reception at the European Parliament. In his welcoming speech, he is expected to express his enthusiastic support for UK's continued membership of the EU in any forthcoming British referendum.

'I am glad that Gibraltar continues to be completely up to date with its obligation to transpose all EU directives. I am very proud of that record. It is one to which I am personally committed. It is the clearest signal of Gibraltar's commitment to the EU and to our compliance with its rules,' said Mr Picardo.

'We play by these rules in the EU and expect to be treated in the same way by the EU. One member state has filed complaints against the Rock in relation to tax, state aid and the environment: it seeks to discriminate against us on free movement and aviation. Gibraltar is fully committed to EU membership and so we look to the EU's institutions to uphold the rule of European law in all these areas.'