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STATEMENT OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GFA SENIOR AND U16 SQUADS

Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP

Mr Speaker

History was made yesterday on the football field by the GFA senior and U16 squads in two respects.

The first event of note was the fantastic goal scored by Lee Casciaro at Hampden Park in the Euro-qualifier which Gibraltar were playing against Scotland.

Mr Speaker I have no doubt that the Casciaro goal was definitely the most beautiful of the match and I am sure that the whole House will want to join me in congratulating Lee Casciaro for the fantastic achievement that the goal represents as our first in a competitive international competition.

Moreover, at the level of our younger selection, the under 16's, we can see that the next generation of Gibraltarian footballers are also achieving greatly.

As their more senior brethren had already done, they yesterday beat Malta by two goals.

They were playing in the GFA's first ever Youth Development Tournament being held this weekend in Gibraltar.

Also in Gibraltar for the tournament are the teams from Macedonia and San Marino.

Mr Speaker, I am delighted to welcome the Malta, Macedonia and San Marino teams to Gibraltar and I warmly congratulate all of our Senior and U16 squads and their coaching and training staff on behalf of the whole Parliament.



They make the beautiful game carry our dreams in European our dreams in European International competitions and we all value their hard work.