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## Gibraltar Welcomes Re-Appointed Secretaries of State for Foreign Office & Defence

The Chief Minister, Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, has congratulated the two Ministers of State with direct Constitutional relevance to Gibraltar on their re-appointments today by the Prime Minister, Rt Hon David Cameron MP, namely:

The Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP as Foreign Secretary; and

The Rt Hon Michael Fallon MP as Defence Secretary.

Mr Picardo tweeted: "Many & sincere congratulations to @PHammondMP on remaining Foreign Secretary. He has already shown he is a good friend of Gibraltar," and "Great news: Michael Fallon still Sec of State for Defence! He knows Gib well and has already shown he understands our strategic importance."