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Congratulations to Jordan Bautista

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, on behalf of Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar, sends his heartfelt congratulations to Jordan Bautista on his fantastic achievement in joining the Polish National Ballet.

Jordan commenced his Classical Ballet training at age 11 at the Gibraltar Academy of Dance, under the tuition of Principal Paulette Finlayson. After a rigorous process of training, assessments and auditions, Jordan was accepted to study at the prestigious English National Ballet School, with a tuition fees scholarship from the Government. At age 15, after obtaining his GCSEs, Jordan embarked on his formal professional training: a first for a Gibraltarian and a remarkable achievement in itself.

Now close to graduation, Jordan has been awarded a contract as a professional *corps de ballet* dancer with the Polish National Ballet.

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC MP, said: 'I would like to send my heartfelt congratulations to Jordan on his fantastic achievement. His natural talent and hard work mean that he is just at the beginning of a very promising career as a professional ballet dancer at the highest level. Gibraltar is proud of his accomplishments.'