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Statement on Royal Gibraltar Regiment Housing

The Hon Chief Minister Fabian Picardo, and Commodore Ian McGhie, Commander British Forces, are today pleased to announce that agreement has been reached to provide Royal Gibraltar Regiment (RG) Permanent Cadre (PC) personnel with the opportunity to benefit from all future affordable housing schemes initiatives in Gibraltar.

These arrangements will permit all RG PC, inclusive of non-Gibraltarians, to go onto the Gibraltar Housing Allocation Schemes waiting lists, subject to defined conditions. Gibraltarians will be eligible upon enlistment whilst Non-Gibraltarian registered soldiers will only be permitted to benefit from the housing stock after they have served for $4\frac{1}{2}$ years.

HMGOG will also introduce provisions to assist RG PC personnel who are posted away from Gibraltar with their dependants. These provisions include rent relief on HMGOG rental stock, the retention of their property and relaxation of rental rules for soldiers who are private home owners to allow them to rent their property, should they wish to do so, for the period that they are posted outside of Gibraltar.

MOD is to introduce a number of initiatives that will further improve the conditions of service for eligible RG PC personnel in regard to single living accommodation in Gibraltar and entitlements to service family accommodation when posted overseas.

These new arrangements will ensure that the brave men and women serving within the Regiment are given housing provision that secures their future and is a tangible demonstration of the commitment by HMGOG and MOD to the future role and development of the Regiment.