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Lord Luce Appointed Chancellor of The University Of Gibraltar

The Minister for Education, Gilbert Licudi QC, is pleased to confirm that the Rt Hon the Lord Luce KG GCVO PC DL has been appointed Chancellor of the University of Gibraltar. Under the University of Gibraltar Act 2015, the Chancellor is the non-executive titular head of the University.

Most people will remember Lord Luce as a former Governor of Gibraltar. He currently sits on the Cross Benches of the House of Lords as an independent Life Peer and is the High Steward of Westminster Abbey. His career spans the army (National Service), the Overseas Civil Service, business, parliament (Conservative MP for 21 years), a Minister for 10 years (Minister of State, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Arts and the Civil Service), Vice Chancellor of the University of Buckingham as well as Governor of Gibraltar.

Lord Luce retired in 2006 having served for six years as Lord Chamberlain to The Queen, the senior official in the Royal Household. He is serving or has served as a President, Chairman or Trustee of a number of charitable bodies. In 2008 The Queen made him a Knight Companion of the Order of the Garter.

Lord Luce has continued to be a regular visitor to Gibraltar, most recently in November 2014 where he was a speaker at the Gibraltar Philanthropy Forum.

Mr Licudi said that he was truly delighted that Lord Luce has accepted his invitation to become the first Chancellor of the University. He added: "With his enormous experience particularly in Government, with the Royal Household and in Higher Education, he brings unique attributes and experience to this post. He will undoubtedly prove to be an asset and an excellent ambassador for the University of Gibraltar."

Commenting on his appointment as Chancellor, Lord Luce said: "It is an immense privilege for me to accept Mr Licudi's invitation to become Chancellor of the new University of Gibraltar. It is a most exciting and well prepared venture with a fine team of academics and an excellent system of governance. It is a pleasure to be able to renew my former link with Gibraltar through the



University. My wife Rose and I retain a great affection and admiration for all the people of Gibraltar.”

The appointment of Lord Luce as Chancellor puts in place the final piece of the University’s structure. As has already been confirmed, the University will be inaugurated on 21 September 2015 with the term starting on 28 September 2015. Full details of the courses on offer can be found on the University’s website at www.unigib.edu.gi.