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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES CONTINUATION OF WASHINGTON INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Government has announced that the arrangement with the Washington Center which offers fully-funded internships in Washington for Gibraltar students will continue for another three years. The Gibraltar-Washington Internship programme is now in its third year and has seen 60 students benefit from structured, 15-week internship placements in the capital of the United States.

The Minister for Education, Gilbert Licudi QC, and the Director of Education, Dr Joey Britto, were in Washington last week for meetings with senior officials from the Washington Center. Mr Licudi and Dr Britto also met with the twenty-five students from Gibraltar who are currently undertaking internships organised by the Washington Center. The students had the opportunity to outline their work, learning and developmental experiences as well as making suggestions to help enhance the programme. The meetings took place at the Washington Center's Academic Residential facility. The twenty-five Gibraltar students have been placed in multinational companies, prestigious law firms, national and international NGOs as well as other influential organisations in Washington. In fact, the opportunities afforded to our students are truly impressive and as diverse as working in an architectural firm specialising in the preservation of historic buildings to participation in reading intervention programmes for young children from deprived families.

As well as attending these meetings, Mr Licudi and Dr Britto also attended a gala dinner celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Washington Center.

Mr Licudi said: "Our discussions with the Washington Center and in particular with students who have carried out internships over the last three years have made us see the value of this programme. Not only does this benefit the students themselves but the important work that they do, the connections they make and the knowledge they acquire in Washington has huge benefits to Gibraltar. I am truly delighted that the Government is continuing the programme for three more years so that many more students have the opportunity of participating in this once-in-a-lifetime experience."