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Foreign Secretary visit to Madrid

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar understands that the visit of Foreign Secretary Hammond to Madrid is part of his tour of all European capitals ahead of the general election in respect of the Prime Minister's stated agenda to renegotiate EU treaties. The Foreign Secretary has already visited 21 European capital cities. This visit cannot therefore be presented as a bilateral on Gibraltar in any possible sense. As far as HM Government of Gibraltar is concerned, the position of the United Kingdom remains exactly as set out by the British Ambassador to Spain, Simon Manley, at last week's address by the Chief Minister in Madrid, namely seeking re-engagement of Trilateral Dialogue and if possible Ad Hoc dialogue before then, exactly the position of the Government of Gibraltar itself.