



Deputy Chief Minister

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### Exclusion of Gibraltar Airport would be illegal Garcia tells MEPs

The Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia has told Members of the European Parliament that the exclusion of Gibraltar from EU civil aviation legislation would be illegal and contrary to the Treaties. Dr Garcia is in Brussels on a lobbying visit in order to increase awareness among key MEPs about Gibraltar issues.

The Deputy Chief Minister has explained that under Gibraltar's terms of membership of the EU, the areas which do not apply to Gibraltar are expressly defined in Articles 28-30 of the UK Act of Accession. This list does not include civil aviation therefore there can be no excuse for excluding Gibraltar Airport.

Dr Garcia has discussed these issues on the first day of his visit with Conservative MEP Ashley Fox and UKIP MEP William Dartmouth. He was also able to exchange views with EPP Coordinator on the Transport Committee Marian-Jean Marinescu MEP.

The Deputy Chief Minister also briefed the ECA Coordinator on the Justice and Home Affairs Committee Timothy Kirkhope MEP on the latest situation at the land frontier between Gibraltar and Spain including the data for incoming and outgoing traffic.

Dr Garcia also held a very positive and friendly meeting with the United Kingdom Deputy Ambassador to the European Union Shan Morgan and other officials at the British Embassy.