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Gibraltar will not be blackmailed in the event of UK EU exit

The latest remarks from Spanish Foreign Minister Snr Margallo demonstrate once again that he is entirely obsessed with Gibraltar.

Mr Margallo is quoted as having said that in the event of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union and Gibraltar choosing to remain inside, he would have to resurrect the joint-sovereignty formula that was discussed in the past.

The Deputy Chief Minister, Dr Joseph Garcia reacted to Snr Margallo's remarks:

"For the avoidance of doubt, there is no prospect whatsoever, even if we were faced with a full UK exit from the European Union that Gibraltar and the Gibraltarians would be prepared to compromise on Sovereignty. Snr Margallo will not see a Spanish or half Spanish Gibraltar in his lifetime, whatever our position in or out of the EU. Europe matters to us and we want to continue to have access to the single market, but our identity and our British Sovereignty are not bargaining chips we will ever horse trade with or allow others to blackmail us over. Snr Margallo's dream of a Spanish Gibraltar will thus only ever remain a dream."