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### **JOINT STATEMENT BY SIR JAMES DUTTON KCB CBE AND THE HON FABIAN PICARDO QC**

Lieutenant General Sir James Dutton KCB CBE will relinquish the post of Governor and Commander in Chief at the end of September this year.

The search for a suitable successor will shortly be announced.

The Governor said “Liz and I have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Gibraltar. We have especially loved its people, all of whom have been so warm, welcoming and friendly. It has been a pleasure to be a part of such a truly remarkable, progressive and talented community. I have also enjoyed a genuinely friendly, close and productive relationship with the Chief Minister and believe that we have made a good team in promoting Gibraltar publicly and from behind the scenes. Liz and I are, and will remain, Gibraltar’s strongest supporters. Our decision has been made for purely personal and professional reasons and is no reflection on the Rock or its great people.”

The Chief Minister said “Jim Dutton has been an enormous supporter of Gibraltar in his time here, although much of the work he has done has necessarily transpired behind the scenes. Our relationship has gone from strength to strength as we have worked extraordinarily well together and I have enjoyed the benefits of his military and commercial experience. Justine and I will be very sorry to see Liz and Jim go, as will the rest of my Cabinet colleagues and the senior civil servants who have regular contact with them.”