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Government Sends the Rock's Congratulations to The Queen of Gibraltar

Today, the 9th September 2015, Her Majesty the Queen becomes the UK's longest-serving monarch. The Chief Minister and Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar have sent their warmest congratulations to Her Majesty on behalf of the people of the Rock.

The older members of our community will remember with the immense pride The Queen's visit to the Rock in 1954, and await with eager anticipation any further visit by Her Majesty to the Rock.

The Chief Minister, Fabian Picardo QC MP said, 'It is fitting that, this week, we also celebrate National Day on which we celebrate our identity as a people, an identity that has shown its loyalty to the British monarchy for over three hundred years.'

Her Majesty's reign began before most of us were born and we should reflect on her lifetime of service to the British people. On this special day we send our warmest congratulations to our much-loved monarch, the Queen of Gibraltar. During the Second World War the Royal Family including The Queen remained in London at the same time as many Gibraltarian evacuees were housed there during the Blitz. This cemented the affinity between many of the evacuees and the Royal Family and in particular with HM The Queen herself, an affinity which continues to this day."

Note to Editors:

The Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, has twice been welcomed to Gibraltar by patriotic crowds lining the streets; first in 2004 when she joined in the jubilant celebrations marking the Tercentenary of British rule and again in 2009 whilst on a three-day official visit to open a military clinic bearing her name. Many will also recollect the affection shown to the Earl and Countess of Wessex when they toured Gibraltar in 2012 as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.